

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
(WESTERN DIVISION)**

IN RE MERCY HEALTH ERISA LITIGATION

Civil Action No.: 1:16-cv-00441-SJD

**JOINT DECLARATION OF LAURA R. GERBER, MICHELLE C. YAU AND
THOMAS R. THEADO IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTIONS FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND FOR AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND CASE CONTRIBUTION AWARDS**

**EXHIBIT B
COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL PLLC FIRM RESUME**

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For decades, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC has represented individuals, small businesses, institutional investors, and employees in many of the major class action cases litigated in the United States for violations of the antitrust, securities, consumer protection, civil rights/discrimination, ERISA, employment, and human rights laws. Cohen Milstein is also at the forefront of numerous innovative legal actions that are expanding the quality and availability of legal recourse for aggrieved individuals and businesses both domestic and international. Over its history, Cohen Milstein has obtained many landmark judgments and settlements for individuals and businesses in the United States and abroad. The firm's most significant past and present cases include:

- HEMT MBS Litigation (No. 1:08-cv-05653, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). On May 10, 2016, U.S. District Judge Paul A. Crotty finally approved a \$110 million settlement in the mortgage-backed securities class action brought by investors against Credit Suisse AG and its affiliates. This settlement ends claims brought by the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors who claimed that the offering documents for the mortgage-backed securities at issue violated the Securities Act as they contained false and misleading misstatements concerning compliance with underwriting standards.
- In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation (Polyether Polyol Cases) (D. Kan.). Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of chemicals used to make many everyday products, from mattress foam to carpet cushion, who were overcharged as a result of a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy. On February 25, 2016, Cohen Milstein reached an agreement with The Dow Chemical Company to settle the case against Dow for \$835 million. Combined with earlier settlements obtained from Bayer, Huntsman, and BASF, the Dow settlement pushed the total settlements in the case to \$974 million. The settlement was approved on July 29, 2016.
- RALI MBS Litigation (Civ. No. 08-8781, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). On July 31, 2015, Judge Katherine Failla gave final approval to a \$235 million settlement with underwriters Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co., and UBS Securities LLC. She also approved a plan for distribution to investors of those funds as well as the previously approved \$100 million settlement with RALI, its affiliates, and the individual Defendants that was reached in 2013. This global settlement marks an end to a long and complicated class action over MBS offerings that RALI and certain of its affiliates issued and sold to the New Jersey Carpenters Health Fund and other investors from 2006 through 2007. The case took seven years of intense litigation to resolve.
- In re: Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation (No. 08-08093, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). On May 27, 2015, U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain finally approved a class action settlement with JPMorgan Chase & Co., which agreed to pay \$500 million and up to an additional \$5 million in litigation-related expenses to resolve claims arising from the sale of \$27.2 billion of mortgage-backed securities issued by Bear Stearns & Co. during 2006 and 2007 in 22 separate public offerings.
- Harborview MBS Litigation (No. 08-5093, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). In February 2014, Cohen Milstein reached a settlement with the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) in the Harborview MBS Litigation, resolving claims that RBS duped investors into buying securities backed by shoddy home loans. The \$275 million settlement is the fifth largest class action settlement in a federal MBS case. This case is one of eight significant MBS actions that Cohen Milstein has been named lead or co-lead counsel by courts and one of three that were nearly thrown out by the court, only to be revived in 2012.
- In Re Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation (No. 11-md-02293, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). In August 2014, a New York federal judge approved a \$400 million antitrust settlement in the hotly contested ebooks price-fixing suit against Apple Inc. Combined with \$166 million in previous settlements with five defendant publishing companies, consumers could receive more than \$560 million. The settlement resolves damages claims brought by a class of ebook purchasers and attorneys general from 33 U.S. states and territories.

- Countrywide MBS Litigation (2:10-cv-00302, U.S. District Court in the Central District of California). In April 2013, Plaintiffs in the landmark mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class action litigation against Countrywide Financial Corporation and others, led by Lead Plaintiff, the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS), agreed to a \$500 million settlement. It is the nation's largest MBS-federal securities class action settlement. The settlement was approved in December 2013 and brings to a close the consolidated class action lawsuit brought in 2010 by multiple retirement funds against Countrywide and other defendants for securities violations involving the packaging and sale of MBS. The settlement is also one of the largest (top 20) class action securities settlements of all time.
- In re Beacon Associates Litigation (No. 09-cv-0777, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York). Class action settlement of \$219 million for trustees and participants in ERISA-covered employee benefit plans whose assets were lost through investments made on their behalf by Beacon Associates LLC I & II in the investment schemes of Bernard Madoff.
- In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation (No. 09 C 7666, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois). After four years of litigation, in October of 2013, CSL Limited, CSL Behring LLC, CSL Plasma, Inc. (collectively, "CSL"), and the Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association ("PPTA") agreed to pay \$64 million dollars to settle a lawsuit brought by the University of Utah Hospital and other health care providers alleging that CSL, the PPTA, and Baxter agreed between 2003-2009 to restrict the supply of immunoglobulin and albumin, and thereby increase the prices of those therapies. Two months later, Baxter International Inc. and Baxter Healthcare Corp. (collectively "Baxter") agreed to pay an additional \$64 million to settle these claims – bringing the total recovery to the class to \$128 million.
- Keepseagle v. Vilsack Civil Action No. 1:99CV03119 (D.D.C.). A class of Native American farmers and ranchers allege that they have been systematically denied the same opportunities to obtain farm loans and loan servicing that have been routinely afforded white farmers by the USDA. A class was certified in 2001 by Judge Emmet Sullivan, District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the D.C. Circuit declined USDA's request to review that decision. On October 19, 2010, the case reached a historic settlement, with the USDA agreeing to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Native American farmers and ranchers and forgive up to \$80 million worth of outstanding farm loan debt.
- In re Parmalat Securities Litigation No. 04 MD 1653 (S.D.N.Y.). In this securities litigation case, Cohen Milstein has successfully negotiated two partial settlements totaling approximately \$90 million. At the second partial settlement hearing, Judge Lewis A. Kaplan remarked that plaintiffs counsel "did a wonderful job here for the class and were in all respects totally professional and totally prepared. I wish I had counsel this good in front of me in every case." Our clients, four large European institutional investors, were appointed as co-lead plaintiffs and we were appointed as co-lead counsel. Most notably, this case allowed us the opportunity to demonstrate our expertise in the bankruptcy area. During the litigation, the company subsequently emerged from bankruptcy and we added "New Parmalat" as a defendant because of the egregious fraud committed by the now-bankrupt old Parmalat. New Parmalat strenuously objected and Judge Kaplan of the Southern District of New York ruled in the class plaintiffs' favor, a ruling which was affirmed on appeal. This innovative approach of adding New Parmalat enabled the class to obtain an important additional source of compensation, as we subsequently settled with New Parmalat.
- Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. No. C-01-2252 (N.D. Cal.). Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in this sex discrimination case. In 2004, the U.S. District Court certified a nationwide class action lawsuit for all female employees of Wal-Mart who worked in U.S. stores anytime after December 26, 1998. This was the largest civil rights class action ever certified against a private employer, including approximately 1.5 million current and former female employees. That ruling was appealed, and while affirmed by the Ninth Circuit, was reversed by the Supreme Court in June 2011. Cohen Milstein argued the case for the plaintiffs-respondents in the Supreme Court. Since then, the *Dukes* action has been amended to address only the Wal-Mart regions that include stores in

California, and other regional class cases have been or are soon to be filed. This litigation to resolve the merits of the claims – whether Wal-Mart discriminates against its female retail employees in pay and promotions – continues.

- Rubin v. MF Global, Ltd. (08-CV-02233, S.D.N.Y.). Acting as co-lead counsel in this class action, the Firm represented the Central States, Southeast and Southwest Areas Pension Fund which was one of the co-lead plaintiffs in the case. In September 2010, as a result of Plaintiffs' decision to appeal, the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals vacated in part the lower court's dismissal of the case and remanded the case for further proceedings. In overturning the District Court decision, the Second Circuit issued a decision which differentiated between a forecast or a forward looking statement accompanied by cautionary language -- which the Appellate Court said would be insulated from liability under the bespeaks caution doctrine -- from a factual statement, or non-forward-looking statement, for which liability may exist. Importantly, the Second Circuit accepted Plaintiffs' position that where a statement is mixed, the court can sever the forward-looking aspect of the statement from the non-forward looking aspect. The Court further stated that statements or omissions as to existing operations (and present intentions as to future operations) are not protected by the bespeaks caution doctrine. Mediation followed this decision and resulted in a settlement comprised of \$90 million in cash.
- Hughes v. Huron Consulting Group (09-CV-04734, N.D. Ill.). Cohen Milstein represented lead plaintiffs the Public School Teachers' Pension & Retirement Fund of Chicago and the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System ("APERS") in this case against Huron Consulting Group, founded by former Arthur Anderson personnel following its collapse in the wake of the Enron scandal. In August 2010, the District Court for the Northern District of Illinois denied defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety and upheld plaintiffs' allegations that defendants intentionally improperly accounted for acquisition-related payments, which allowed plaintiffs to move forward with discovery. The case was settled for \$40 million, comprised of \$27 million in cash and 474,547 shares in Huron common stock, with an aggregate value at the time of final approval in 2011 of approximately \$13 million.
- In re Lucent Technologies Securities Litigation Civ. Action No. 00-621 (JAP) (D.N.J.). A settlement in this massive securities fraud class action was reached in late March 2003. The class portion of the settlement amounts to over \$500 million in cash, stock and warrants and ranks as the second largest securities class action settlement ever completed. Cohen Milstein represented one of the co-lead plaintiffs in this action, a private mutual fund.
- Nate Pease, et al. v. Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., et al. Civil Action No. 00-015 (Knox County Superior Court, Me.). In 2004, a state court jury from Maine found three blueberry processing companies liable for participating in a four-year price-fixing and non-solicitation conspiracy that artificially lowered the prices defendants paid to approximately 800 growers for wild blueberries. The jury ordered defendants Cherryfield Foods, Inc., Jasper Wyman & Son, Inc., and Allen's Blueberry Freezer, Inc. to pay \$18.68 million in damages, the amount which the growers would have been paid absent the defendants' conspiracy. After a mandatory trebling of this damage figure under Maine antitrust law, the total amount of the verdict for the plaintiffs is just over \$56 million. The Firm served as co-lead counsel.
- In re StarLink Corn Products, Liability Litigation MDL No. 1403. (N.D. Ill.). Cohen Milstein successfully represented U.S. corn farmers in a national class action against Aventis CropScience USA Holding and Garst Seed Company, the manufacturer and primary distributor of StarLink corn seeds. StarLink is a genetically modified corn variety that the United States government permitted for sale as animal feed and for industrial purposes, but never approved for human consumption. However, StarLink was found in corn products sold in grocery stores across the country and was traced to widespread contamination of the U.S. commodity corn supply. The Firm, as co-lead counsel, achieved a final settlement providing more than \$110 million for U.S. corn farmers, which was approved by a federal district court in April 2003. This settlement was the first successful resolution of tort claims brought by farmers against the manufacturers of genetically modified seeds.
- Snyder v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company No. 97/0633 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Onondaga Cty.). Cohen Milstein served as one of plaintiffs' principal counsel in this case on behalf of persons who held life insurance policies issued

by Nationwide through its captive agency force. The action alleged consumer fraud and misrepresentations. Plaintiffs obtained a settlement valued at more than \$85 million. The judge praised the efforts of Cohen Milstein and its co-counsel for having done “a very, very good job for all the people.” He complimented “not only the manner” in which the result was arrived at, but also the “time ... in which it was done.”

- Oncology & Radiation Associates, P.A. v. Bristol Myers Squibb Co., et al. No. 1:01CV02313 (D.D.C.). Cohen Milstein has been co-lead counsel in this case since its inception in 2001. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb unlawfully monopolized the United States market for paclitaxel, a cancer drug discovered and developed by the United States government, which Bristol sells under the brand name Taxol. Bristol’s scheme included a conspiracy with American BioScience, Inc., a generic manufacturer, to block generic competition. Cohen Milstein’s investigation and prosecution of this litigation on behalf of direct purchasers of Taxol led to a settlement of \$65,815,000 that was finally approved by U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on August 14, 2003 and preceded numerous Taxol-related litigations brought by the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General offices.
- Kruman v. Christie’s International PLC, et al. Docket No. 01-7309. A \$40 million settlement on behalf of all persons who bought or sold items through Christie’s or Sotheby’s auction houses in non-internet actions was approved in this action. Cohen Milstein served as one of three leading counsel on behalf of foreign plaintiffs. The Court noted that approval of the settlement was particularly appropriate, given the significant obstacles that faced plaintiffs and plaintiffs’ counsel in the litigation. The settlement marked the first time that claims on behalf of foreign plaintiffs under U.S. antitrust laws have been resolved in a U.S. court, a milestone in U.S. antitrust jurisprudence.
- Roberts v. Texaco, Inc. 94-Civ. 2015 (S.D.N.Y.). Cohen Milstein represented a class of African-American employees in this landmark litigation that resulted in the then-largest race discrimination settlement in history (\$176 million in cash, salary increases and equitable relief). The Court hailed the work of class counsel for, *inter alia*, “framing an imaginative settlement, that may well have important ameliorative impact not only at Texaco but in the corporate context as a whole ...”.
- Trotter v. Perdue Farms, Inc. Case No. 99-893 (RRM) (JJF) (MPT), D. Del. This suit on behalf of hourly workers at Perdue’s chicken processing facilities – which employ approximately 15,000 people – forced Perdue to pay employees for time spent “donning and doffing,” that is, obtaining, putting on, sanitizing and removing protective equipment that they must use both for their own safety and to comply with USDA regulations for the safety of the food supply. The suit alleged that Perdue’s practice of not counting donning and doffing time as hours worked violated the Fair Labor Standards Act and state law. In a separate settlement with the Department of Labor, Perdue agreed to change its pay practices. In addition, Perdue is required to issue retroactive credit under one of its retirement plans for “donning and doffing” work if the credit would improve employees’ or former employees’ eligibility for pension benefits. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel.

Awards & Recognition

- In 2018, *Crain's* named Carol V. Gilden one of Chicago's **"Notable Women Lawyers."**
- In 2018, the NAACP honored Cohen Milstein with its **"Foot Soldier in the Sand Award,"** in recognition of the firm's outstanding commitment to providing pro bono legal services.
- In 2018, *Benchmark Litigation* named four Cohen Milstein attorneys to its **"40 & Under Hot List."**
- In 2018, *Florida Trend* named five Cohen Milstein attorneys to its list of **"Florida's Legal Elite."**
- In 2018, *Chambers USA Women in Law* honored Kalpana Kotagal with its **"Outstanding Contribution to the Community in Advancing Diversity Award."**
- In 2018, the *New York Law Journal* named Sharon K. Robertson to its list of 20 **"New York Rising Stars."**
- In 2018, *The Legal 500: Guide to the US Legal Profession* listed Cohen Milstein's **Antitrust, Employment Disputes, and Securities Litigation** practices among its **"Leading Practices."**
- In 2018, the *Daily Business Review* named Leslie M. Kroeger a **"Distinguished Leader."**
- In 2018, *Law360* named Steven J. Toll a 2018 **"Titan of the Plaintiffs Bar."**
- In 2018, *Super Lawyers* recognized 20 Cohen Milstein attorneys as **"2018 Super Lawyers"** and 12 Cohen Milstein attorneys as **"Super Lawyer Rising Stars."**
- In 2018, Lawdragon named seven Cohen Milstein attorneys to the 2018 **"Lawdragon 500,"** an annual list of the **500 Leading Lawyers in America.**
- In 2018, Theodore J. Leopold was recognized as an **"Energy and Environmental Trailblazer"** by *The National Law Journal.*
- In 2018, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein a **"Practice Group of the Year: Privacy."**
- In 2017, *Law360* named Steven J. Toll a **Class Action MVP**, recognizing his leadership role in many of the country's most significant class actions for the year.
- In 2017, the *Daily Business Review (DBR)*, South Florida's leading legal industry publication, named Theodore J. Leopold **DBR's "Most Effective Lawyer of 2017: Class Action."**
- In 2017, Joel Laitman and Christopher Lometti, members of Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group, and Betsy Miller and Victoria Nugent, co-chairs of the firm's Public Client practice group, were named **The National Law Journal's "Plaintiffs' Lawyers Trailblazers."**
- In 2017, **The Best Lawyers in America 2018©** recognized seven Cohen Milstein partners, including Judge Martha A. Geer, Karen L. Handorf, Leslie M. Kroeger, Stephan A. LeClainche, Theodore J. Leopold, Joseph M. Sellers, and Christine E. Webber for their respective practices of law.
- In 2017, *Law360* named Cohen Milstein partners, S. Douglas Bunch and Kalpana Kotagal as **"Rising Stars."**
- In 2017, *The Legal 500* named Cohen Milstein a **Leading Firm** in "Antitrust: Civil Litigation / Class Actions" and "Dispute Resolution: Securities Litigation – Plaintiff."
- In 2017, *The Legal 500* named Richard A. Koffman, Co-Chair of Cohen Milstein's Antitrust Practice to its **"Legal 500 Hall of Fame."**
- In 2017, *Legal 500* named Sharon K. Robertson and Brent W. Johnson as **"Legal 500 Next Generation Lawyer"** in the area of Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions.
- In 2017, *Super Lawyers* named Brent W. Johnson as a "Rising Star" and a **"Top Rated Antitrust Litigation Attorney in Washington, DC."**
- In 2017, *Super Lawyers* named Leslie M. Kroeger, Stephan A. Le Clainche, and Theodore J. Leopold "Florida Super Lawyers" and Nicholas C. Johnson and Adam J. Langino "Florida Rising Stars."
- In 2017, the Coalition for Independent Living Options Inc. presented Michael Dolce a Special Acknowledgment Award for his Commitment to Ending Sex Crimes against People with Disabilities
- In 2017, Adam J. Langino was Elected American Association for Justice's Newsletter Chair for the Product Liability Section
- In 2017, *Florida Trend* Named Manuel J. Dominguez a **"Legal Elite."**
- In 2017, Nicholas C. Johnson was elected President of the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association.
- In 2017, Leslie M. Kroeger was elected Treasurer to the Florida Justice Association.

- In 2017, Nicholas C. Johnson was reappointed Director the Palm Beach County Bar Association's North County Section Board of Directors until June 2019.
- In 2017, Law360 selected Cohen Milstein as a **"Competition Practice Group of the Year"** and a **"Class Action Practice Group of the Year."**
- In 2017, South Florida Legal Guide Names Theodore J. Leopold as a **"Top Lawyer"**, and Diana L. Martin and Adam Langino a **"Top Up and Comer"**.
- In 2016, Women in Wealth Awards selects Carol V. Gilden Selected as "Best in Securities Litigation Law - Illinois & Excellence Award for Investor Protection Law"
- In 2016, Law360 named Cohen Milstein's Richard A. Koffman a Competition Law MVP.
- In 2016, Cohen Milstein Partner Martha Geer was selected as a 2016 North Carolina Leaders in the Law Honoree.
- In 2016, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs named Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll a recipient of its 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award.
- In 2016, for the eighth consecutive year, Cohen Milstein was recognized by The Legal 500 as one of the leading plaintiff class action antitrust firms in the United States.
- In 2016, Agnieszka Fryszman, Joel Laitman, Chris Lometti, Kit Pierson, Joe Sellers and Steve Toll were named to the **2016 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America**.
- In 2016, Law360 named Cohen Milstein Partner Julie Goldsmith Reiser one of the **"25 Most Influential Women in Securities Law."**
- In 2016, Cohen Milstein is named to the **National Law Journal's "Plaintiffs Hot List"** for the fifth time in six years.
- In 2016, Law360 names Cohen Milstein as one of the top firms for female attorneys.
- In 2015, Law360 selects Cohen Milstein as the sole plaintiff firm to be selected in two **"Practice Groups of the Year"** categories and one of only five class action firms recognized.
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein was named an **Elite Trial Lawyer Firm by the National Law Journal** for the second year in a row.
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein Partner Steven J. Toll named a **Law360 MVP in Securities Law**.
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein is selected as a **"Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm" by Law360** for the third year in a row.
- In 2015, Richard Koffman was named, for the fifth consecutive year, in the Legal 500 United States **"Leading Lawyers" in "Litigation - Mass Tort and Class Action: Plaintiff Representation - Antitrust"**.
- In 2015, Partners Theodore J. Leopold and Leslie M. Kroeger and Of Counsel Attorney Stephan A. LeClainche were selected "Florida Super Lawyers" and Adam J. Langino was selected "Florida Rising Star."
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein attorneys Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll and Christine E. Webber were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**.
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein attorneys Laura Alexander, Monya Bunch, S. Douglas Bunch, Johanna Hickman, Kalpana Kotagal, and Emmy Levens were selected as **Washington DC Rising Stars** by Super Lawyers.
- In 2015, for the fourth time in five years, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**
- In 2015, Cohen Milstein Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as **"Pension Funds Litigation Attorney of the Year in Illinois"** for the second year in a row by the Corporate INTL Legal Awards.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein's Antitrust Practice was selected as a **Practice Group of the Year by Law360**. In 2014, Cohen Milstein Partner Kit Pierson was selected as an MVP by Law360.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was named a **"Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm"** by Law360 for the second year in a row. In 2014, Cohen Milstein was selected as an **Elite Trial Lawyer** firm by the National Law Journal.
- Cohen Milstein Partners Steven J. Toll, Joseph M. Sellers, Kit A. Pierson, and Agnieszka M. Fryszman Selected to the **2014 Lawdragon 500**.
- Joseph M. Sellers, Theodore J. Leopold, and Leslie M. Kroeger Make **"Best Lawyers' List"** for 2015.
- Released in 2014, the 2013 SCAS 50 Report on Total Securities Class Action Settlements once again ranked Cohen Milstein as a top firm.
- In 2014, Theodore J. Leopold, a partner at Cohen Milstein, was been selected to the Top 100 Miami Florida Super Lawyers list. Partner Leslie M. Kroeger was selected to the **2014 Florida Super Lawyers** list and Diana L. Martin was selected to the **Florida Rising Stars** list.

- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Leslie M. Kroeger and Adam J. Langino were both recognized in the 2014 edition of **Florida Trend's Florida Legal Elite™**. Kroeger is recognized as Legal Elite and Langino is listed as an Up-and-Comer.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was selected to the selected to the **National Law Journal's Midsize Hot List**.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was recognized as a "**Highly Recommended Washington, DC Litigation Firm**" by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a **Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500** for the sixth year in a row.
- In 2014, Partner Richard Koffman was named, for the fourth consecutive year, in the Legal 500 United States "**Leading Lawyers**" list under the category of "Litigation - Mass Tort and Class Action: Plaintiff Representation - Antitrust".
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Agnieszka Fryszman, Julie Goldsmith Reiser, Joseph Sellers, Daniel Sommers, and Steven Toll were recognized **as Local Litigation Stars** by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys R. Joseph Barton, Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll and Christine E. Webber were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein attorneys Laura Alexander, Monya Bunch, S. Douglas Bunch, Jeffrey Dubner, Johanna Hickman, Joshua Kolsky, Kalpana Kotagal, Emmy Levens, and Michelle Yau were selected as **Washington DC Rising Stars** by Super Lawyers.
- In 2014, Cohen Milstein Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as the Illinois Pension Fund Attorney of the Year.
- In 2014, Best Lawyers named Cohen Milstein Partner Joseph Sellers D.C. Litigation - Labor & Employment Lawyer of the Year.
- In 2013, for the third-year in a row, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein was named a "**Most Feared Plaintiffs Firm**" by Law360.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500 for the fifth year in a row.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein attorneys Joseph Barton, Andrew Friedman, Agnieszka Fryszman, Karen Handorf, Kit A. Pierson, Julie G. Reiser, Joseph M. Sellers, Daniel A. Small, Daniel S. Sommers, Steven J. Toll, and Christine E. Webber were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**.
- In 2013, Cohen Milstein attorney Michelle Yau was selected as **Washington DC Rising Stars** by Super Lawyers. In 2013, Cohen Milstein Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as a **2013 Illinois Super Lawyer**. She has been selected every year since 2005.
- In 2012, for the second-year in a row, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was the recipient of the Judith M. Conti Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year Award from the Employment Justice Center.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was recognized as a "Highly Recommended Washington, DC Litigation Firm" by Benchmark Plaintiff: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Plaintiff Firms and Attorneys.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a top firm by the 2011 SCAS Report on Total Securities Class Action Settlements.
- In 2012, Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States by the Legal 500 for the fourth year in a row.
- In 2012, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Sellers was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012.
- In 2012, Partner Steven J. Toll was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Toll was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- In 2012, Partner Daniel S. Sommers was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Mr. Sommers was also selected for this prestigious award in 2011.
- In 2012, Partner Christine E. Webber was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. Ms. Webber was also selected for this prestigious award in 2007.

- In 2012, Partner Agnieszka M. Fryszman was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**. In 2012, Partner Kit A. Pierson was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**.
- In 2012, Partner Carol V. Gilden was selected as an **Illinois Super Lawyer**. Ms. Gilden was also selected for this prestigious award in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- In 2011, Cohen Milstein was selected to the *National Law Journal* **Plaintiffs' Hot List**.
- In 2011, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as a "**Visionary**" by *The National Law Journal*.
- In 2011, Partner J. Douglas Richards, Of Counsel Joel Laitman, and Of Counsel Christopher Lometti were selected as **New York - Metro Super Lawyers**.
- In 2011, Partner Joseph M. Sellers and the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* team were selected as a finalist for the **2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award** from the Public Justice Foundation.
- In 2011, **Cohen Milstein was ranked as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States** by the Legal 500 for the third year in a row.
- In 2011, Partners Steven Toll, Joseph Sellers, and Daniel Sommers were selected as **Washington DC Super Lawyers**. Partner J. Douglas Richards, Of Counsel Joel Laitman and Christopher Lometti were selected as **New York - Metro Super Lawyers**. Partner Carol Gilden was selected as an **Illinois Super Lawyer**.
- In 2011, Cohen Milstein was a recipient of *The National Law Journal's Pro Bono Award*. The Firm was named one of the "six firms that best reflect the pro bono tradition."
- In 2010, Partner Joseph M. Sellers was selected as one of "**The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers**" by *The National Law Journal*.
- In 2010, Partner Steven J. Toll was named one of Law360's "**Most Admired Attorneys**". In 2010, Partner Andrew N. Friedman was selected as a **Washington DC Super Lawyer**.
- In 2010, Partner Agnieszka M. Fryszman was selected as a finalist for the **Trial Lawyer of the Year Award** from the Public Justice Foundation.
- In 2010, Partners Joseph M. Sellers and Agnieszka M. Fryszman were both selected as one of the **Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America**.
- In 2010, Cohen Milstein was once again ranked as a **Leading Plaintiff Class Action Antitrust Firm in the United States** by the Legal 500.

Attorney Profiles – Partners

Steven J. Toll

Steven J. Toll is Managing Partner at Cohen Milstein, a member of the Executive Committee, and Co-Chair of the firm's Securities Fraud & Investor Protection practice group. In this role, Mr. Toll guides the firm's mediation efforts and strategy, and has been lead or principal counsel on some of the most high-profile stock fraud lawsuits in the past 30 years, arguing important matters before the highest courts in the land.

Mr. Toll has built a distinguished career and reputation as a fierce advocate of the rights of shareholders and has guided mediation efforts on the firm's largest and most important matters (both securities fraud and other consumer type cases), a role in which he has earned the trust of mediators, as well as the respect of defense counsel. Mr. Toll has been involved in settling some of the most important mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class-action lawsuits in the aftermath of the financial crisis, including: Countrywide Financial Corp., which settled for \$500 million in 2013; Residential Accredited Loans Inc. (RALI), which settled for \$335 million in 2014; and the Harborview MBS suit, which settled for \$275 million. He also negotiated a \$90 million settlement of a suit against MF Global.

Among Mr. Toll's current matters is the Harman class action suit, where Mr. Toll argued and won an important ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The Circuit Court reinstated the suit against electronics maker Harman International Industries; the ruling is significant in that it places limits on the protection allowed by the safe harbor rule for forward-looking statements.

Currently, Mr. Toll is also co-lead counsel in the BP Securities class action securities fraud lawsuit that arose from the devastating Deepwater oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals recently affirmed the certification of the class of investors alleged to have been injured by BP's misrepresenting the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico, and thus minimizing the extent of the cost and financial impact to BP of the clean up and resulting damages.

Mr. Toll is co-lead counsel in the consumer class action suit against Lumber Liquidators, a lawsuit that alleges the nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015.

Mr. Toll is also leading Cohen Milstein's efforts in a \$400 million derivative shareholder suit brought against the directors and officers of Bank Leumi, an Israeli bank, asserting that bank officers violated their fiduciary duties in conspiring to aid American taxpayers in hiding income from the IRS.

Mr. Toll has provided a great deal of pro bono legal work during a career at Cohen Milstein that spans more than three decades. In addition, he has been an active supporter of Children's Hospital National Medical Center for decades, setting up an endowment in his daughter's name to help the Hospital's leukemia patients and their families (his daughter passed away from leukemia in 1987), plus more recently establishing regular programs for music and laughter for the children during their hospital stays. He and his family also founded Lolly's Locks, a nonprofit organization that provides high-quality wigs to women cancer patients suffering from hair loss as a side effect of chemotherapy. Lolly's Locks was established in memory of Mr. Toll's late wife, Lolly, who passed away in 2012, after a 15-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Toll is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, earning a B.S. cum laude, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was Special Project Editor of The Tax Lawyer. His name has appeared regularly on Law360's annual lists of MVP's, Leading Attorneys, and Most Admired Attorneys.

Joseph M. Sellers

Joseph M. Sellers is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, Chair of the firm's Executive Committee and Chair of the Civil Rights & Employment Practice Group, a practice he founded. In a career spanning nearly four decades, Mr. Sellers has represented victims of discrimination and other illegal employment practices individually and through class actions. He brings to his practice a deep commitment and broad background in fighting discrimination in all its forms. That experience includes decades of representing clients in litigation to enforce their civil rights, participating in drafting and efforts to pass landmark civil rights legislation, testifying before Congress on various civil rights issues, training government lawyers on the trial of civil rights cases, teaching civil rights law at various law schools and lecturing extensively on civil rights and employment matters.

Mr. Sellers, who joined the firm in 1997, has been practicing civil rights law for more than 35 years, during which time he has represented individuals and classes of people who have been victims of civil rights violations or denied other rights in the workplace. He has tried to judgment before courts and juries several civil rights class actions and a number of individual cases and has argued more than 30 appeals in the federal and state appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court. He has served as class counsel, and typically lead counsel, in more than 75 civil rights and employment class actions.

His clients have included persons denied the rights and opportunities of employment because of race, national origin, religion, age, disability and sex, including sexual orientation and identity. He has represented victims of race discrimination in the denial of equal access to credit, in the rates charged for insurance and in the equal access to health clubs, retail stores, restaurants and other public places. He has challenged housing discrimination on the basis of race and the denial of housing and public accommodations to people with disabilities.

Some of the noteworthy matters he has handled include: *Walmart v. Dukes* (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of class of women who alleged sex discrimination in pay and promotions in case establishing new rules governing class certification; *Randolph v. Greentree Financial* (U.S. S.Ct.), delivered argument on behalf of consumer challenging enforcement of arbitration agreement in case establishing rules governing the enforceability of arbitration agreements; *Beck v. Boeing Company* (W.D. Wash.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of more than 28,000 women employees alleging sex discrimination in pay and overtime decisions; *Conway, et al. v. Deutsch* (E.D. Va.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of female covert case officers at the CIA alleging sex discrimination in promotions and job assignments; *Johnson, et al. v. Freeh* (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel on behalf of class of African-American FBI special agents alleging racial discrimination in promotion and job assignments; *Keepseagle v. Veneman* (D.D.C.), lead counsel on behalf of class of Native American farmers and ranchers alleging denial of equal access to credit by USDA; *Neal v. Director, D.C. Dept. of Corrections* (D.D.C.), co-lead counsel in which he tried first sexual harassment class action to a jury, on behalf of a class of women correctional employees and women and men subject to retaliation; *Doe v. D.C. Fire Department* (D.D.C.), in which he established after trial that an applicant with HIV could properly serve as a firefighter; *Floyd-Mayers v. American Cab Co.* (D.D.C.), in which he represented persons who alleged they were denied taxi service because of their race and the race of the residents at the location to which they asked to be driven; and *Trotter, et al. v. Perdue Farms* (D. Del.), lead counsel on behalf of chicken processing workers alleging violations of federal wage and hour and employee benefits law.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sellers served for over 15 years as the Director of the Employment Discrimination Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, an organization providing pro bono representation in a broad range of civil rights and related poverty issues. He was a member of the transition teams of Obama/Biden in 2008 and Clinton/Gore in 1992 and 1993, and served as a Co-Chair of the Special Committee on Race and Ethnicity of the D.C. Circuit Task Force on Gender, Race and Ethnic Bias to which he was appointed by the judges of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Throughout his career, Mr. Sellers has also been active in legislative matters. He helped to draft and worked for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay

Restoration Act of 2009. He has testified more than 20 times before Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives on various civil rights and employment matters.

A teacher and mentor, Mr. Sellers has trained lawyers at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice on the trial of civil rights cases, and was an Adjunct Professor at the Washington College of Law at American University, where he taught Employment Discrimination law, and at the Georgetown University Law Center, where he taught Professional Responsibility. In addition, he has lectured extensively throughout the country on various civil rights and employment topics.

Mr. Sellers has been recognized as one of the top lawyers in Washington and as one of the top plaintiffs' employment lawyers in the U.S. In 2010, The National Law Journal named him one of "The Decade's Most Influential Lawyers," in 2011 The Legal Times named him a "Legal Visionary," and in 2012 the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs awarded him the Wiley Branton Award for leadership in civil rights. He is a professionally trained mediator and has served as the President of the Washington Council of Lawyers.

Mr. Sellers received his B.A. in American History and Literature from Brown University, and earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Law, where he served as Research Editor of the Case Western Reserve Law Review.

Andrew N. Friedman

Andrew N. Friedman is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and is Co-Chair of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group. Practicing in the class action field since 1985, Mr. Friedman specializes in litigating complex, multi-state class action lawsuits against manufacturers and consumer service providers such as banks, insurers, credit card companies and others. He is widely recognized as a leader in enforcing consumer rights and known as a hands-on lawyer who is ready to take litigation all the way through trial.

Over the years, Mr. Friedman has been lead or co-lead counsel in numerous important cases, bringing relief to millions of consumers and recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in class actions. He was one of the principal counsel in cases against Nationwide and Country Life, which asserted sales marketing abuses in the marketing of so-called "vanishing premium policies," where insurance agents sold insurance policies to unsuspecting consumers promising that after a relatively short time the dividends generated from the policy would be so high as to be able to fully pay the premiums. In fact, the calculations of the policies were based on unrealistic interest rate projections and, therefore, the premiums never "vanished." The Nationwide case resulted in a settlement valued at between \$85 million and \$103 million, while a settlement with Country Life made \$44 million in benefits available to policyholders.

Mr. Friedman was co-lead counsel in *Keithly v. Intelius, Inc.* (W.D. Wash.), where he negotiated two nationwide settlements with Intelius, Inc., relating to negative option programs and improper post-transaction marketing. The combined settlements made \$12 million in cash and a total of \$3.5 million in vouchers available to the Class.

Mr. Friedman has also litigated important consumer product lawsuits, including one against Thomson Consumer Electronics, which resulted in a settlement that made up to \$100 million available for persons who paid for unreimbursed repairs to defective televisions. In addition, Mr. Friedman was one of the principal counsel in the Dex-Cool Litigation, a nationwide lawsuit alleging that General Motors sold millions of cars with defective coolant that gummed up and caused corrosion to engines. GM settled ahead of trial, offering relief of cash payments of up to \$800 per repair.

More recently, Mr. Friedman litigated a lawsuit against Symantec, Corp., and Digital River, Inc., a four-year long nationwide class action battle regarding the marketing of a re-download service in conjunction with the sale of Norton software. The case settled in a \$60 million all-cash deal one month before the case was about to go to trial – one of the most significant consumer settlements in years.

Prior to his current role as Co-Chair and member of the Consumer Protection group, Mr. Friedman was a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice, litigating many important matters, including the Globalstar Securities Litigation in which he served as one of the lead trial counsel. The case settled for \$20 million during the second week of the trial. In addition, Mr. Friedman served as one of co-lead or principal counsel in *Norman Frank et al. v. David L. Paul* (a recovery of over \$18 million); *In re Jiffy Lube Securities Litigation* (D. Md.) (a recovery of over \$12 million); and *In re Immunex Securities Litigation* (W.D. Wash.) (a recovery of \$14 million).

Currently, Mr. Friedman is litigating such notable matters as:

- **Anthem Data Breach Litigation:** Mr. Friedman is co-lead counsel in a high-profile class action lawsuit against Anthem Inc. over its massive data breach that compromised the personal identification (including social security numbers, date of birth, medical ID number, etc.) and health information of 80 million insured customers. The lawsuit alleges Anthem, the second- largest insurance company in the nation, failed to ensure its data systems were protected, failed to prevent and stop the breach from happening and failed to disclose to its customers material facts regarding the breach. Mr. Friedman is involved in all aspects of the litigation.
- **Sallie Mae Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a series of cases alleging that Sallie Mae charged usurious interest rates and improper late fees to California students. Mr. Friedman is overseeing all aspects of the litigation.
- **Home Depot Data Breach Litigation:** Mr. Friedman is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee representing financial institutions and heads the expert committee in a class action lawsuit arising out of the Home Depot data breach, a cyber attack that affected hundreds of financial institutions and more than 40 million consumers.

Mr. Friedman is a noted speaker who has appeared on numerous panels for legal education seminars and institutional investor conferences on the issues of consumer and securities class actions. In 2011, LawDragon named him one of the Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers. His work has been cited in the media and he was profiled in the April 14, 2000, Washington Business Journal.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Friedman served as an attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Friedman attended Tufts University, graduating magna cum laude and was elected Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in Psychology. He earned his J.D. from the National Law Center, George Washington University.

Daniel S. Sommers

Daniel S. Sommers is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, a member of the firm's Executive Committee and Co-Chair of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. During his nearly three decade career at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sommers has taken leadership roles in litigating large, complex and significant securities cases. He provides litigation counsel to the firm's institutional investor clients, including for example, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System and numerous Taft-Hartley pension funds. Many of his cases have resulted in important rulings and legal precedents, as well as in significant recoveries for investors totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. Some of his notable matters include:

- **Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass Through Securities Litigation:** Co-lead counsel in a \$505 million landmark settlement (including a \$5 million expense fund) of a securities class action suit alleging that Bear Stearns violated securities laws in the sale of mortgage backed securities to investors. This case represents the largest recovery ever obtained in a securities class action on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities.
- **Converium/Scor Securities Litigation (Netherlands):** Co-lead counsel in a groundbreaking \$58.4 million securities class action recovery, in which the Amsterdam Court of Appeal declared binding a world- wide class action settlement of claims of non-U.S. investors who purchased Converium shares outside of the United States. The

ruling was a major victory for worldwide investors because it successfully implemented the Dutch Collective Settlement Statute even though the underlying transactions had limited contact with the Netherlands.

- Fannie Mae Securities Litigation: Played a significant role in a high profile securities class action against Fannie Mae, several of its former executives and KPMG involving allegations of falsified financial statements. The \$153 million settlement amount represents the largest recovery in a securities fraud class action ever obtained in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
- CP Ships Ltd. Securities Litigation: Co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that CP Ships, a
- Canadian company headquartered in England but with substantial operations in Tampa, Florida, issued false financial statements. Mr. Sommers argued an appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, successfully opposing objections to a settlement that provided non-U.S. investors with the protections of the federal securities laws.

Mr. Sommers has obtained significant recoveries for investors in numerous other securities class action cases in federal courts throughout the United States including: *Steiner v. Southmark Corporation* (N.D. Tex.) (over \$70 million recovery); *In re PictureTel Inc. Securities Litigation* (D. Mass.) (\$12 million recovery); *In re Physician Corporation of America Securities Litigation* (S.D. Fla.) (\$10.2 million recovery); *In re Gilat Satellite Securities Litigation* (E.D.N.Y.) (\$20 million recovery); *In re Pozen Inc. Securities Litigation* (M.D.N.C.) (\$11.2 million recovery); *In re Nextel Communications Securities Litigation* (D.N.J.) (up to \$27 million recovery); *In re PSINet Inc. Securities Litigation* (E.D. Va.) (\$17.8 million recovery); *In re Cascade International Inc. Securities Litigation*, (S.D. Fla.) (global recovery of approximately \$10 million); *In re GT Solar Securities Litigation* (D.N.H.) (recovery of \$10.5 million); *Mulligan v. Impax Laboratories, Inc.* (E.D. Va.) (recovery of \$8 million); *Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Orthofix, N.V.* (S.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$11 million) and *In re ECI Telecom Securities Ltd. Litigation* (E.D. Va.) (\$21.75 million recovery). He has also handled significant appellate matters including arguing before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in *Hemmer Group v. Southwest Water Company*, where he obtained a reversal of the district court's order dismissing investors' claims under the Securities Act of 1933. In addition, he was co-lead counsel for investors before the United States Supreme Court in *Broudo v. Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 544 U.S. 336 (2005) (addressing the standards for pleading loss causation).

Mr. Sommers is also experienced in non-class action litigation. He represented TBG Inc., a multi-billion dollar privately-held overseas corporation, in a multi-party, complex action alleging fraud in a corporate acquisition and represented individuals in connection with investigations brought by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. He also has represented publicly traded corporations in the prosecution and defense of claims. Mr. Sommers has litigated cases covering a wide-range of industries including the financial services, computer software, pharmaceutical, insurance, real estate and telecommunications industries among others. In addition, he has substantial experience in cases presenting complex accounting and auditing issues.

Mr. Sommers is recognized as a thought leader on the subjects of securities and class action litigation and is a frequent speaker on those topics both to other lawyers and institutional investors. He has been quoted on these topics in a variety of publications, such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *BNA/Bloomberg*, and *Law360*. Mr. Sommers is a member of the advisory board of the *Bloomberg/BNA Securities Litigation & Law Report* and served on *Law360's* Securities Editorial Advisory Board. *Benchmark Plaintiff* has recognized him as a litigation star in multiple years. He has been named a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer each year from 2011 through 2016, and has been awarded *Martindale-Hubbell's* highest rating of AV Preeminent®. He served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Investor Rights Committee of the Corporation, Finance and Securities Law Section, District of Columbia Bar, and through the years has been a guest lecturer at Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America; Georgetown Law Center; and George Washington University Law School.

Mr. Sommers attended Union College, where he earned a B.A. magna cum laude in Political Science, and graduated from George Washington University Law School.

Daniel A. Small

Daniel A. Small is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the firm's Antitrust practice group, a role and honor which he has held on and off since 2008. He is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Small is widely regarded for his intellectual energy, deeply studying the economic issues underpinning antitrust disputes and developing a sophisticated understanding of how conspiracies and monopolies operate in a range of complex markets – from animation and visual effects workers and computer software and hardware to wild blueberries and hospital nurses – and achieving just compensation for victims and promoting more open markets nationwide.

Mr. Small has represented plaintiff classes, and defended unions, as lead or co-lead counsel in numerous antitrust cases and obtained settlements and judgments totaling hundreds of millions of dollars. He has tried cases to verdict and argued in numerous appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Currently, Mr. Small is litigating the following notable matters:

- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is part of a small team of firms representing a certified class of self-funded employers and union trust funds against Sutter Health, a large hospital chain in Northern California, for restraining hospital competition through anticompetitive provider agreements.
- Animation Workers Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers who allege that Pixar, Lucasfilm, DreamWorks and other studios conspired to suppress their pay. The court granted final approval of \$168.5 million in settlements.
- Michigan Blue Cross Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in this class action challenging Michigan Blue Cross's use of most favored nation provisions in its provider agreements with numerous hospitals in Michigan. The class secured a \$30 million settlement, pending approval by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.
- NYU Hospitals Center Litigation: Cohen Milstein is defending 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East against an antitrust claim by NYU Hospitals Center alleging that 1199SEIU conspired with a multi-employer bargaining association and others to increase NYU's required contributions to the Union's benefit fund.
- Google Wi-Fi Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a nationwide class action alleging that Google violated the Wiretap Act when its Street View vehicles secretly collected payload data from unencrypted Wi-Fi networks. Plaintiffs defeated a motion to dismiss raising novel Wiretap Act issues, and the ruling was affirmed on interlocutory appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

Past successes include:

- Prime Healthcare Services Litigation: Cohen Milstein defended the Service Employees International Union in an antitrust action brought by Prime Healthcare Services, a hospital chain in Southern California, alleging that SEIU conspired with Kaiser Permanente to drive Prime and certain other hospitals out of the market. Cohen Milstein led the successful effort to dismiss the complaint and amended complaint in the Southern District of California and to defend the dismissal on appeal to the Ninth Circuit.
- Hy-Ko Products Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented Hy-Ko Products Co., a manufacturer of keys and key duplication machines, in a monopolization case against its dominant competitors. The litigation settled on favorable terms.
- In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel in a class action alleging that Bristol Myers-Squibb Co., the manufacturer of the prescription drug Buspar, conspired to keep generic versions of the drug out of the market. The class of end-payors settled for \$90 million.
- Pease v. Jasper Wyman & Son, et al.: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel representing a class of wild blueberry growers in Maine who sued four blueberry processors for conspiring to depress blueberry prices. The case was tried before a jury in Maine state court, where Mr. Small was co-lead trial counsel. The jury found the processors liable for 100% of the damages estimated by plaintiffs' expert, resulting in a judgment of \$56 million.

Mr. Small also maintains an active pro bono practice. Current notable cases include:

- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, et al. v. Trump, and District of Columbia et al. v. Trump: Cohen Milstein is representing restaurant and hotel plaintiffs and the Attorneys General of Maryland and the District of Columbia in lawsuits against President Trump, seeking to enjoin his ongoing receipt of emoluments in violation of the U.S. Constitution.
- Seeger, et al. v. United States Department of Defense: Cohen Milstein is representing a group of civilian and military lawyers who represent a detainee in the military commission proceedings at the Guantánamo Bay naval station. Represented by Cohen Milstein, this group of lawyers filed a lawsuit under the Administrative Procedure Act against the Department of Defense, the Navy, and the Convening Authority, claiming that military commission personnel have been forced to live and work for years in facilities that have been found to have dangerous levels of cancer-causing chemicals and other toxic substances, ranging from formaldehyde to heavy metals and mold.

Mr. Small is one of the most respected litigators in antitrust class actions. Since 2009, Legal 500 annually recognizes Mr. Small and Cohen Milstein as “Leading Plaintiffs Antitrust Class Action Lawyer/Firm”; Benchmark Plaintiff has repeatedly awarded him with its “National Litigation Star – Antitrust”; in 2014, International Who’s Who of Competition Lawyers & Economists named him “Leading Competition Lawyer”; and in 2018 Mr. Small was named a Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyer.

In 2018, Mr. Small, Cohen Milstein, and the co-lead counsel team in Animation Workers Antitrust Litigation were nominated for Public Justice Foundation’s Trial Lawyer of the Year, recognizing the legal teams that made the most outstanding contributions to the public interest through precedent-setting or otherwise extraordinary litigation concluded within the last year.

Mr. Small serves on the Advisory Board of the American Antitrust Institute (AAI), a pre-eminent thought-leadership organization devoted to promoting competition. He is also Chair of the selection committee for the Jerry S. Cohen Memorial Fund Writing Award, which annually recognizes top antitrust scholarship.

Mr. Small clerked for the Honorable Judge Roger Vinson, United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, from 1986 to 1988.

Mr. Small attended Colgate University, where he graduated with a B.A., cum laude, in History. He earned his J.D. at American University’s Washington College of Law.

Christine E. Webber

Christine E. Webber is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Civil Rights & Employment practice group. In that role, Ms. Webber represents victims of discrimination and other illegal employment practices in class and collective actions. She has participated during her career in litigating groundbreaking sex discrimination lawsuits. Ms. Webber is a hands-on litigator, known for her ability to work closely with economic and statistical expert witnesses and to identify the types of sophisticated statistical analyses that will be most helpful to her clients’ claims.

Ms. Webber is a tenacious and resourceful litigator with a fierce commitment to fighting discrimination and protecting workers. In the face of adversity she continues to find new ways to protect her clients’ rights. Following the Supreme Court’s ruling decertifying the class in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*—a case brought on behalf of a nationwide class of women suing Wal-Mart for sex discrimination in pay and promotion—Ms. Webber has been counsel in several regional class cases pursuing these claims for former *Dukes* class members. Ms. Webber was co-lead counsel in *Rindfleisch v. Gentiva Health Services* (N.D. Ga.) in which nurses and other home health care providers were held to be non-exempt because they were not paid on a bona fide salaried or fee basis. Following this successful summary judgment ruling, the case was decertified,

and Ms. Webber continues to represent individuals seeking their unpaid overtime. In *Tomkins v. Amedisys, Inc.*, a lawsuit challenging similar practices as the *Gentiva* litigation, Ms. Webber represented approximately 2,000 nurses, physical therapists and occupational therapists pursuing wage and hour claims against Amedisys; the case settled recently for \$8 million.

Ms. Webber's past successes include *In re Tyson Foods FLSA MDL* (M.D. Ga.), a collective action involving Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) claims at over 40 Tyson chicken processing plants, which ultimately resolved the claims of 17,000 chicken processing workers who had been denied compensation for donning and doffing required safety and sanitary equipment. In *Hnot v. Willis Group Insurance* (S.D.N.Y.), Ms. Webber represented a class of women vice presidents in Willis' Northeast region, who complained of discrimination with respect to their salary and bonuses. This "glass ceiling" case settled in 2007 for \$8.5 million plus attorneys' fees, an average payment of \$50,000 per woman. A subsequent case, *Cronas v. Willis Group*, pursued similar claims for a later time period with similar success. Ms. Webber was also counsel to the plaintiff class in *Keepseagle v. Vilsack*, a historic settlement between Native American farmers and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The *Keepseagle* settlement agreement required the USDA to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Native Americans, to forgive up to \$80 million in outstanding farm loan debt and to improve the farm loan services the USDA provides to Native Americans. Ms. Webber was part of the team recognized by Public Justice as finalists for their Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2011 for the work done in *Keepseagle*.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 1997, Ms. Webber received a Women's Law and Public Policy fellowship which funded the first of her four years at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs in their Equal Employment Opportunity Project. There, she worked on employment discrimination cases, focusing in particular on the sexual harassment class action *Neal v. Director, D.C. Department of Corrections, et al.* Ms. Webber participated in the trial of this groundbreaking sexual harassment class action in 1995. Ms. Webber also tried the race discrimination case *Cooper v. Paychex* (E.D. Va.), and successfully defended the plaintiffs' verdict before the Fourth Circuit.

Ms. Webber is co-chair of the National Employment Lawyers' Association's Class Action Committee, a position she has held since 1999. She speaks and writes frequently on employment discrimination, wage and hour issues, and class actions.

Ms. Webber attended Harvard University, graduating *magna cum laude*, with an A.B. in Government, and earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, at the University of Michigan Law School. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Hubert L. Will, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Richard A. Koffman

Richard A. Koffman is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and former Co-Chair of the Antitrust practice group. He litigates antitrust cases on behalf of the victims of corporations engaged in price-fixing, market monopolization, and other unlawful conduct.

Mr. Koffman has been repeatedly recognized as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' antitrust lawyers. He was named Law360's Competition Law MVP (2016) and inducted into The Legal 500 Hall of Fame (2017), after being recognized by The Legal 500 since 2010 as one of the top plaintiffs' class action and mass tort litigators in antitrust. Mr. Koffman was also named one of the world's leading competition lawyers by Global Competition Review.

Mr. Koffman has had the honor of serving as court-appointed lead or co-lead counsel in many landmark antitrust class actions, including the *Urethanes* Antitrust Litigation, which resulted in the largest price-fixing verdict in U.S. history and the largest jury verdict of 2013.

A former Senior Trial Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust and Civil Rights Divisions, Mr. Koffman views his role in litigating antitrust lawsuits as an extension of the public interest work he pursued at the DOJ in promoting competition and fighting discrimination.

Recent case successes include:

- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in an antitrust class action alleging a conspiracy to fix the prices of chemicals used to make polyurethane foam. Four defendants settled pre-trial for a total of \$139 million. After a four-week trial, the jury returned a \$400 million verdict for plaintiffs against the final defendant, The Dow Chemical Co., which the district court trebled to more than \$1 billion. Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while the case was on appeal, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million – nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel for plaintiffs alleging a conspiracy to reduce the supply and increase prices of IVIG and Albumin – life-saving therapies derived from blood plasma. Mr. Koffman and his team obtained settlements totaling \$128 million to compensate customers who were overcharged for these vital therapies.
- Polyester Staple Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel for plaintiffs alleging a conspiracy to fix prices for polyester staple fiber; the case settled for \$46 million.

Current cases include:

- Dental Supplies Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel for a proposed class of dental practices and dental laboratories. The case alleges that Defendants Henry Schein, Inc., Patterson Companies, Inc., and Benco Dental Supply Company – the three largest dental supply and dental equipment distributors in the United States – fixed price margins on dental equipment, jointly pressured manufacturers to squeeze out competitors, and agreed not to “poach” each other’s employees, in violation of federal antitrust law. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, dental practices and dental laboratories may have paid artificially inflated prices for many kinds of dental supplies and dental equipment, from consumables like gauze and cement to big-ticket equipment like chairs and x-rays.
- Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC – commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship – has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied defendant’s motion to dismiss the case in September 2015.
- Treasuries Securities Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel in a ground-breaking antitrust and Commodity Exchange Act class action alleging many of the nation’s biggest banks manipulated the multi-trillion-dollar market for U.S. Treasuries and related instruments.

In 2016, Law360 named Mr. Koffman a Competition Law MVP – one of only five attorneys (and only two plaintiffs’ attorneys) to be so honored. The Legal 500 has recognized Mr. Koffman as a Leading Lawyer for “Litigation - Mass Tort and Class Action: Plaintiff Representation - Antitrust” for eight years in a row, describing him as a “strong brief writer and an excellent oral advocate.” In 2017, Mr. Koffman was inducted to the inaugural “Legal 500 Hall of Fame.” Mr. Koffman was also named as one of the world’s leading competition lawyers by Global Competition Review in the U.S. Plaintiffs section of Who’s Who Legal: Competition 2016.

Mr. Koffman served as a law clerk to two Federal Judges: James B. McMillan, of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina and Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Koffman attended Wesleyan University, where he received a B.A. in English, with honors, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Koffman is a graduate of Yale Law School, where he was Senior Editor of the Yale Law Journal.

Agnieszka Fryszman

Agnieszka Fryszman is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and is Chair of the firm’s Human Rights practice group. She has been recognized as leading one of the best private international human rights practices in the world.

Ms. Fryzman represents individuals who have been victims of torture, human trafficking, forced and slave labor and other violations of international law. A recognized expert and leader in the field of human rights law, Ms. Fryzman regularly litigates cases against corporate giants. She was a member of the legal team that successfully represented survivors of Nazi-era forced and slave labor against the German and Austrian companies that allegedly profited from their labor. These cases were resolved by international negotiations that resulted in multi-billion dollar settlements. She also represented, pro bono, Holocaust survivors suing Swiss banks that collaborated with the Nazi regime during World War II. This litigation led academics to revise their assessment of Switzerland's relationship with Nazi Germany and exposed the extent of business participation in the Holocaust.

Ms. Fryzman earned the National Law Journal Pro Bono Award for efforts on behalf of Nepali laborers injured or killed at U.S. military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan. Her team obtained several judgments and significant settlements on behalf of the families.

In addition, she currently represents victims of a human trafficking ring that allegedly lured men from Nepal with the promise of employment at luxury hotels, but instead took them against their will to work for U.S. military contractors in Iraq. Ms. Fryzman investigated and initiated suit against military contractor KBR, filing one of the first complaints under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. She has also represented men and women who were trafficked by diplomats, in the fishing industry, and to work cleaning houses in Northern Virginia. In one recent case, after Ms. Fryzman obtained a full recovery for her client in a civil suit, the Department of Justice brought criminal charges, resulting in guilty pleas by the perpetrators. Her work on behalf of the former "comfort women," women and girls trafficked into sexual slavery by the government of Japan during World War II, was recognized with the "Fierce Sister" award from the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum.

Ms. Fryzman represented, pro bono, victims of the September 11 attack on the Pentagon and obtained one of the highest awards for an injured survivor from the Victim's Compensation Fund. Ms. Fryzman also represented, pro bono, two individuals detained by the United States at Guantanamo Bay who were ultimately cleared without charge.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 1998, Ms. Fryzman served as counsel to the United States House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, and before that counsel to Representative Henry Waxman, Ranking Member on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Earlier in her career, she was legislative director to U.S. Representative Jack Reed. Ms. Fryzman has received some of the legal profession's highest honors. Since 2009, LawDragon 500 has named her perennially to its list of Leading Lawyers in America. Benchmark Plaintiff has named her a Leading Star Plaintiffs' Litigator and one of the Top 150 Women in Litigation. For her pro bono work, she was awarded the Beacon of Justice Award by the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and the Frederick Douglass Human Rights Award from the Southern Center for Human Rights. She was also a finalist for the Public Justice Foundation's Trial Lawyer of the Year Award for her work on *Wiwa v. Royal Dutch Shell*. Ms. Fryzman joined the legal team in that case to prepare it for trial, resulting in a multi-million dollar settlement on the morning of jury selection.

Ms. Fryzman graduated from Brown University with an A.B. in International Relations, and earned her law degree from Georgetown University, graduating magna cum laude, Order of the Coif. At law school, she was a Public Interest Law Scholar.

Julie Goldsmith Reiser

Julie Goldsmith Reiser is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection and Employee Benefits/ERISA Practice Groups. Ms. Reiser focuses on public pension plans, institutional investors, retirees and plan participants, representing them in high-stakes, complex litigation, including securities, ERISA, and antitrust and competition litigation.

Ms. Reiser is recognized as one of the top 25 Influential Women in Securities Law (Law360). She is highly regarded by clients and co-counsel alike for her tenacious advocacy, shrewd understanding of complex financial and economic issues, meticulous preparation, and dynamic leadership.

Ms. Reiser has led litigation teams in several of the country's most complex class actions and landmark settlements, including a \$500 million settlement related to Countrywide's issuance of mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") and the Fifth Circuit affirmation of an investor class in the BP securities fraud litigation stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which settled for \$175 million.

Ms. Reiser has generated remarkable results for the classes she represents.

Currently, Ms. Reiser is litigating the following notable matters:

- Bank of America Corp. Stock Lending Markets Antitrust Lawsuit: Ms. Reiser represents Iowa PERS, Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, Orange County Employees Retirement System and Sonoma County Employees' Retirement Association in this ground-breaking lawsuit, in which plaintiffs allege collusion among six of the world's largest investment banks to prevent modernization of the securities lending market, a critical component of a strong economy that enables trading activities like short selling and hedging while also ensuring that financial systems operate efficiently.
- Public School Teacher' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago v. Bank of America Corporation, et al.: On August 3, 2016, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC was appointed co-lead counsel in a lawsuit charging a number of the world's largest investment banks with conspiring to engineer and maintain a collusive and anti-competitive stranglehold over the market for interest rate swaps (IRS) in violation of federal antitrust laws – an action that harms investors in one of the world's biggest financial markets. Ms. Reiser represents the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association and is a key member of the leadership team.
- New York State Common Retirement Fund, et al. v. Stephen A. Wynn, et al.: Ms. Reiser represents the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds, plaintiffs in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd. in light of their failure to hold Mr. Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of Company employees. The lawsuit seeks to preserve stockholder value in Wynn Resorts, Ltd. by strengthening procedures for responding to claims of harassment and creating stronger governance and risk management controls at the Board level.
- In re American Realty Capital Properties Inc. Litigation: Ms. Reiser represents the New York City Employees Retirement Systems, a class representative, in this securities class action. Plaintiffs allege ARCP, a real estate investment trust now known as VEREIT, Inc., misrepresented its financials, including manipulating its adjusted funds from operations, a key measure of performance. Beyond the class action, criminal charges led to a guilty plea from ARCP's former chief accounting officer and a June 2017 conviction of its former chief financial officer.
- In re Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. Third-Party Payor Litigation: Ms. Reiser represents a putative class of third-party payors arising from an alleged Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act scheme perpetrated by Valeant, its top executives, and co-conspirators at affiliated specialty pharmacies to shield the company's drugs from competition, fraudulently inflate the prices of its products, and artificially boost sales at the expense of third party payors.
- NovaStar Mortgage Backed Securities Litigation: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in this certified MBS class action. Ms. Reiser represents Iowa PERS, one of the class representatives. In March 2017, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York preliminarily approved a \$165 million all-cash settlement, bringing this lawsuit, the last of 11 MBS class actions Cohen Milstein successfully handled, to conclusion. Final approval of the settlement is pending.

Ms. Reiser's successes include:

- In re BP Securities Litigation: Ms. Reiser represented the New York State Common Retirement Fund as co-lead plaintiff in a securities class action filed in 2010, alleging that BP injured investors by intentionally downplaying the severity of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and preventing investors from learning the magnitude of the disaster. Ms. Reiser took the lead in all aspects of this litigation: case development, motion practice, oversight and implementation of discovery strategies, depositions, expert discovery and argument. After successfully arguing for class certification to the district court, Ms. Reiser presented plaintiffs' defense of that court's decision to the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, which affirmed the class. The case settled for \$175 million a few weeks before trial was set to begin.
- Countrywide Mortgage Backed Securities Litigation: Ms. Reiser represented the Iowa, Oregon and Orange County public retirement systems in class action litigation related to Countrywide's issuance of mortgage-backed securities, which culminated in a landmark \$500 million settlement. Over the course of the litigation, Ms. Reiser argued on investors' behalf at the motion to dismiss stage. She also handled various arguments related to discovery disputes, and oversaw merits and expert discovery. She took a majority of the fact depositions and was recognized for having teased a number of salient points from witnesses during the depositions. Ms. Reiser also took the lead in working with experts to maximize damages.
- Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of the City of Chicago, et al. v. Bank of America, NA, et al.: Ms. Reiser developed and litigated this novel class action, challenging trustee inaction in preventing investor losses. She represented the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, IPERS and Chicago Laborers in the case, which settled for \$69 million. Ms. Reiser worked with plaintiffs' statistician to develop a sampling methodology for testing whether mortgages were underwritten properly and with plaintiffs' economist in the bid for class certification and approach to damages. At the final hearing, Judge Katherine B. Forrest commended the investors' legal team: "This is a very, very good result for the plaintiffs ... [and] is something of which plaintiff counsel can be proud."
- In re: Wheaton Franciscan ERISA Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented a class of defined benefit plan participants, who alleged that Ascension and Wheaton Franciscan wrongfully claimed the retirement plan was exempt from ERISA as a "church plan." On January 16, 2018 the court granted final approval of the \$29.5 million settlement.
- ERIC v. Read: Oregon became the first state in the nation to implement a defined contribution savings program for private sector employees who either work for companies that don't offer a retirement plan or aren't eligible to participate in their employer's retirement plan, called OregonSaves. In October 2017, the ERISA Industry Committee, a national group representing large businesses filed a lawsuit, arguing that the program is preempted by ERISA. Ms. Reiser, retained as outside counsel, successfully defended OregonSaves from ERISA challenges, resulting in a settlement on March 28, 2018.

In addition, Ms. Reiser has represented plaintiffs in employment cases. In *Wade v. Kroger* (W.D. Ky.), she represented African American employees who received a \$16 million settlement to resolve claims that the retailer Kroger had discriminated against them in pay and promotions. She was also involved in *Beck v. The Boeing Co.* (W. D. Wash.), a case alleging sex discrimination in compensation and promotions that settled for \$72.5 million.

Ms. Reiser has the unique distinction of being named among the *Lawdragon 500* (2018), recognizing the leading lawyers in America.

Ms. Reiser is a noted speaker, often called on to discuss important issues such as arbitration clauses and the class standing doctrine.

Ms. Reiser is the author of "Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses: Taking the Alternative Out of Dispute Resolution," Bloomberg BNA, Class Action Litigation Report, December 11, 2015. Ms. Reiser was named a 2016 winner of the Burton Awards, placing her among the "finest law firm writers" in the nation. After its publication, Paul Bland, Executive Director of Public Justice wrote: "This is invaluable advocacy that takes industry-side advocacy and exposes its flaws and failings. I'm very glad to see this kind of very high quality advocacy and critical thinking."

Ms. Reiser also is the co-author of "Trends in ERISA Litigation in 2017," Law360, December 17, 2017; "Carefully Tailored ERISA Claims After Amgen V. Harris," Law360, January 25, 2017; "Omnicare: Negligence is the New Strict Liability When Pleading Omissions Under the Securities Act," Bloomberg BNA, Corporate Law & Accountability Report, April 10, 2015; the author of "Dodd Frank's Protections for Senior Citizens: An Important, Yet Insufficient Step," University of Cincinnati Law Review, Volume 81, Issue 2, May 30, 2013; "Why Courts Should Favor Certification of MBS Actions," ABA Securities Litigation Journal, Volume 22, Number 1, Fall 2011; and the co-author of "The Misapplication of American Pipe Tolling Principles," ABA Securities Litigation Journal, Volume 21, Number 2, Winter 2011. She also co-authored Opt-Outs: Making Private Enforcement of the Securities Laws Even Better, featured in the Winter/Spring 2008 edition of the ABA's Class Action and Derivative Suit Committee Newsletter and "Companies in the Cross Hairs: When Plaintiffs Lawyers Choose Their Targets, They Look for These Employment Practices," The Legal Times, February 21, 2005.

Ms. Reiser attended Vassar College, graduating with honors, and earned her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law. She has served as a board member at Seattle Works and the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Theodore J. Leopold

Theodore J. Leopold is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Mr. Leopold is Chair of the Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death, Managed Care Abuse, and Unsafe & Defective Products practices and Co-Chair of the Consumer Protection practice.

Mr. Leopold's practice is devoted solely to trial work, with a focus on complex product liability, mass tort, managed care abuse, consumer class actions and catastrophic injury and wrongful death litigation. Mr. Leopold has tried cases throughout the country and has recovered multi-million dollar verdicts, including jury verdicts in the eight-figure and nine-figure amounts.

In his role, Mr. Leopold litigates high-stakes, complex lawsuits on behalf of consumer safety issues, particularly as it relates to product defects, automobile safety and managed care matters. In 2010, he obtained a \$131 million jury verdict against the Ford Motor Company, the ninth-largest verdict against an automobile company in U.S. history.

Mr. Leopold is court-appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel in two high-profile putative toxic tort class actions, including In re Flint Water Cases and Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Class Action Litigation. Mr. Leopold also serves on the plaintiffs' trial team in the Rail Freight Fuel Surcharge Antitrust Litigation, as lead counsel in the HCA Class Action and Polaris ATV matter.

Currently, Mr. Leopold is litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Flint Water Cases: On July 26, 2017, Mr. Leopold was appointed Interim Co-Lead Counsel for a group of related class action lawsuits filed in federal court on behalf of Flint, Michigan residents and businesses harmed by exposure to toxic levels of lead and other hazards from the city's drinking water.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation: On January 4, 2018, Mr. Leopold was court appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to consolidate and oversee a series of five putative toxic tort class actions filed against E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company and The Chemours Company in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, Southern Division.
- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation: Mr. Leopold represents the families of Hannah Eimers, Lauren Beuttel, Jacob Davison, and Wilbert Byrd, who were killed by defective Lindsay X-LITE guardrails, against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, and selling defective, dangerous guardrails for use on public roadways.
- Pulse Nightclub Shooting: Mr. Leopold is co-lead counsel representing more than 90 survivors and relatives of victims of the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. The lawsuit against the shooter's former employer, G4S, alleges

that it knew he was mentally unstable and threatening violence, yet they employed him as an armed guard, obtained his security license from the state with the use of a fraudulently signed psychological assessment, and repeatedly gave him weapons training, making him a more effective and dangerous shooter.

- *Johannessoehn et al, v. Polaris Industries*: On July 31, 2017, Mr. Leopold filed a class action suit against Polaris Industries, the manufacturer of the Sportsman all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), alleging the ATVs have a design defect that makes them dangerous to drive.
- *Ratha, et al v Phatthana Seafood Co.*: Mr. Leopold is part of a Cohen Milstein's Human Rights team representing seven Cambodian plaintiffs who, after being promised well-paying jobs, became victims of human trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and peonage by factories in Thailand producing shrimp and seafood for export to the United States.
- *HCA*: Mr. Leopold is lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that HCA hospitals bill inflated and exorbitant fees for radiology services provided in the emergency room to people involved in automobile accidents and receiving care that is covered by their Florida Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance.

Examples of some of Mr. Leopold's litigation successes are:

- *Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al*: Mr. Leopold represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and their families who suffered physical and mental injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. The bellwether trial on behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. In July 2017, Mr. Leopold successfully settled the case.
- *Mincey v. Takata*: Mr. Leopold was the lead attorney in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey, a Florida woman who was paralyzed when the driver's side airbag in her car deployed too aggressively during a vehicle collision. The injuries Ms. Mincey sustained in the accident ultimately led to her death. In groundbreaking litigation at the forefront of what would become a Department of Justice investigation and the largest defective product recall in automobile history, Ms. Mincey alleged that the airbag system in her car, manufactured by Takata Corporation, was defective and that Takata knowingly hid the defect from consumers. On July 15, 2016, immediately before a hearing was to be held on Plaintiff's motions to depose the CEO of Takata and to amend the complaint to plead a claim for punitive damages, Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case.
- *Caterpillar Product Liability Litigation*: Mr. Leopold was co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. Mr. Leopold developed the case and led all aspects of the litigation, which he successfully resolved in September 2016 for \$60 million.
- *Cole v. Ford*: Mr. Leopold was co-trial attorney for the family of former New York Mets infielder Brian Cole who was killed when the Ford Explorer he was driving rolled over, ejecting him from the vehicle. The lawsuit charged that the seat belt in the Explorer was defective in that it failed to keep Mr. Cole in his seat. Following two hung juries, eleven of the 12 jury members, in the third trial, agreed on the verdict and found for the Cole family in the amount of \$131 million.
- *Quinlan v. Toyota*: Mr. Leopold was lead counsel in a product liability case against Toyota Motor Company after Bret Quinlan was paralyzed when his Toyota Camry suddenly and without warning began accelerating and failed to respond to the brakes. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case prior to trial.
- *Chippis v. Humana*: Mr. Leopold tried one of the first managed care cases in the country after Humana wrongfully denied physical and occupational therapy for a 6 year old child with cerebral palsy. The jury returned the largest punitive damage award on behalf of an individual in Florida history, and this seminal case was featured in the movie *Damaged Care*.
- *Salvato v. Marion County Sheriff*: Mr. Leopold represented the Salvato family in the wrongful death case of Joshua Salvato, an unarmed 21-year-old, who was shot and killed by two Marion County Sheriff's deputies in 2014, and obtained a \$2.3 million jury verdict at trial.

- **Carrier v. Trinity:** Mr. Leopold represented the Carrier family in this wrongful death matter. The death occurred as a result of the guardrail safety device failing. Instead of protecting the driver, the guardrail intruded into the passenger compartment of the vehicle and impaled the driver, causing her death. Mr. Leopold successfully resolved the case in October 2016.

Mr. Leopold is the past president of Public Justice Foundation, a national organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. that fights for justice through precedent-setting and socially significant individual and class action litigation. He is consistently recognized by leading peer-reviewed publications, such as *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers*. He was recently named a 2018 *Best Lawyers in America* “Lawyer of the Year” in the practice area of Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs in West Palm Beach for his expertise. In addition, he has been nominated for “Trial Lawyer of the Year” by the Public Justice Foundation for his ground breaking litigation involving the managed care industry, and his work has been featured in the *National Law Journal*’s “Top Verdicts of the Year.”

Mr. Leopold lectures frequently at professional gatherings on such issues as personal injury, product liability, class action litigation, trial tactics and consumer justice. He is also author and co-author of several legal publications, including *Florida Insurance Law and Practice* (Thomson/West). Additionally, Mr. Leopold has earned the Florida Bar Civil Trial Certification, the highest level of recognition by the Florida Bar for competency and experience within civil trial law.

Mr. Leopold is a graduate of the University of Miami, where he received a B.A. He earned his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University.

Carol V. Gilden

Carol V. Gilden is a Partner in Cohen Milstein’s Securities Litigation & Investor Protection Practice Group. She represents public pension funds, Taft-Hartley pension and health and welfare funds, and other institutional investors in securities class actions, transaction and derivative litigation, and individual actions, as well as in foreign securities litigation. She also litigates other types of complex litigation and class actions in state and federal courts nationwide.

Ms. Gilden is an industry leader and client champion, spearheading some of the most novel securities disputes in the financial markets, resulting in aggregate recoveries in excess of several billion dollars for investors. Her guiding principle – those who commit fraud on the financial markets should be held accountable.

Ms. Gilden has been court appointed lead, co-lead or executive committee counsel on numerous high-profile securities cases, including *MF Global*, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit held that companies that make false, misleading statements cannot hide behind risk disclosures in an attempt to escape liability, and for which she was named in the *National Law Journal*’s Hot Plaintiffs Firm of the Year; and *IntraLinks* – one of the first securities class actions to be certified following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Halliburton II*, providing a roadmap for obtaining class certification to other cases. She is currently Co-Lead Counsel in two groundbreaking antitrust lawsuits involving two of the world’s largest financial markets.

Ms. Gilden began her career at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Enforcement Division, spending five years investigating and litigating cases involving securities fraud. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2007, Ms. Gilden served as the head of the securities class action practice at a prominent mid-sized Chicago law firm and the vice chair of its class action department.

Representative Matters

- **Interest Rate Swaps Market Manipulation Litigation:** Ms. Gilden represents the Chicago Public School Teachers’ Pension Fund and other institutions in a groundbreaking putative class action, charging 12 Wall Street banks with conspiring to engineer and maintain a collusive and anti-competitive stranglehold over the interest rate swaps

market – one of the world’s biggest financial markets. On August 3, 2016, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Lead Counsel. The case is past the motion to dismiss and in active discovery.

- Treasuries Market Manipulation Litigation: Ms. Gilden represents the Cleveland Bakers and Teamsters Pension and Health and Welfare Funds and other institutions in a groundbreaking putative antitrust securities class action, alleging two dozen financial institutions with an inside role at the auction for U.S. Treasuries, conspired to manipulate yields and prices to their own benefit. On August 23, 2017, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Lead Counsel.
- Nieves v. Performance Sports Group Ltd. et al.: Ms. Gilden represents Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund and other investors, in this high-profile, putative securities class action involving PSG’s failure to disclose that its growth was not based on sustainable “organic growth” as represented, but was driven by the Company’s manipulative and coercive sale practices, which included pulling orders forward and forcing customers to increase their orders without regard for market demand. The SEC and Canadian authorities subsequently initiated investigations, and PSG filed for bankruptcy. On June 7, 2016, Cohen Milstein was appointed Lead Counsel.
- Credit Suisse Group AG Securities Litigation: Ms. Gilden is representing the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 710 Pension Plan in a securities class action against Credit Suisse Group AG, involving misrepresentations of its trading and risk limits, and subsequent accumulation of billions of dollars in extremely risky, highly illiquid investments, including the surreptitious accumulation of nearly \$3 billion in distressed debt and U.S. collateralized loan obligations (“CLOs”). On March 19, 2018, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Lead Counsel.
- Intuitive Surgical Inc. Derivative Litigation: Ms. Gilden represented the Public School Teachers’ Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and negotiated a total settlement worth \$20.2 million at final approval, consisting of cash and options, and requiring Intuitive to adopt extensive product safety, FDA compliance, and insider trading and corporate governance measures.
- ITT Educational Services, Inc. Securities Litigation: Ms. Gilden represented Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund and achieved a \$16.96 million settlement against ITT and two of its officers. The case was hotly contested and involved unraveling complex accounting treatments governing ITT’s transactions with the third-party lenders, set against the Department of Education and Higher Education Act default guidelines. The case settled during discovery after reviewing and analyzing over two million pages of documents, after depositions had been taken and in the middle of class certification briefing.
- Singh et al. v. Orthofix International NV: Ms. Gilden represented Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund and reached an \$11 million settlement against this medical device company headquartered in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, despite significant logistical obstacles during investigation and discovery. Much of the information relevant to the case—internal company documents, witnesses, and news reports—were in six foreign languages and located in nine different countries on four different continents.
- City of Chicago v. Hotels.com, et al: Ms. Gilden represented the City of Chicago in a high-profile lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court, alleging that Expedia, Hotels.com, Orbitz, Priceline and Travelocity failed to properly remit hotel taxes to the City of Chicago for hotel bookings. Expedia, the last remaining defendant, appealed a \$29 million judgement, and settled on appeal and after the conclusion of briefing. In total, the City of Chicago recouped \$23.6 million in back taxes and penalties, and these defendants now collect and remit to the City of Chicago taxes on the mark-up of the room bookings.

Other Recent Leadership Roles

In addition to the notable matters listed above, Ms. Gilden has been lead and co-lead counsel in many notable matters, including:

- MF Global litigation: A significant settlement of \$90 million settlement and a precedent-setting case, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit sided with the plaintiffs and held that companies cannot make false or misleading statements in their offering documents, and then hide behind risk disclosures related to those facts

in their attempt to escape liability. The National Law Journal singled out Ms. Gilden's work on the case in connection with its selection of Cohen Milstein as a Hot Plaintiffs' Firm for that year.

- IntraLinks Litigation: One of the first securities class actions to be certified following the Supreme Court's decision in Halliburton II. That case was successfully resolved for \$14 million. Ms. Gilden served as lead counsel.
- Huron Securities Litigation: A total \$40 million settlement, including \$27 million in cash plus 474,547 shares of common stock, valued at \$13,292,061 as of the market's close on May 6, 2011.
- In re RehabCare Group, Inc. Shareholders Litigation: Ms. Gilden was co-lead counsel and settled the case for a cash payment to shareholders and significant deal reforms including enhanced disclosures and an amended merger agreement.
- Ms. Gilden's executive committee roles include other high-profile cases: Global Crossing Securities Litigation (settlements of \$448 million) and the Merrill Lynch Analyst cases (\$125 million settlement), as well as on the litigation team of the Waste Management Litigation (\$220 million settlement). Under her leadership, her former firm was an active member of the litigation teams in the AOL Time Warner Securities Litigation (\$2.5 billion settlement), CMS Securities Litigation (\$200 million settlement) and the Salomon Analyst Litigation/In re AT&T (\$75 million settlement). Further, Ms. Gilden was lead counsel in an opt-out securities litigation action in connection with the McKesson/HBOC merger, Pacha, et al. v. McKesson Corporation, et al., which settled for a substantial, confidential sum.

Ms. Gilden has earned the trust of her clients, who know she will go to the mat for them, tenaciously advocating for them from start to finish in their cases. She draws respect from colleagues, as well as adversaries who perennially have placed her in the highest ranks of the profession, including being named an Illinois Super Lawyer repeatedly over the last 10 years, "Pension Fund Attorney of the Year, Illinois" by the Global Corporate International Magazine in 2014 and 2015 and being recognized for Excellence in Law by the Worldwide Registry. In 2016, she was recognized by the Women in Wealth Awards as a winner in the category of "Best in Securities Litigation Law - Illinois & Excellence Award for Investor Protection Law." She has also been featured on the cover of the Chicago Lawyer in connection with a feature article on securities class actions. She is a much sought-after speaker at legal and pension fund conferences and has been frequently quoted in the national media on market scandals, recent developments and trends in securities law and high profile securities fraud cases. Ms. Gilden is rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell in its judicial and peer-review ratings for the highest level of professional excellence.

Ms. Gilden served as the first (and to this day, only) woman President of the National Association of Shareholder and Consumer Attorneys, the preeminent trade association for securities class action attorneys, as well as the organization's first woman Treasurer. As President of NASCAT, Ms. Gilden made repeated visits to Capitol Hill advocating for strong investor protection. She also engaged in outreach to the institutional investor community on needed reforms to reverse the erosion of investor rights. Under Ms. Gilden's leadership, NASCAT also filed amicus briefs in connection with major securities cases before the Supreme Court and other courts. Prior to becoming President, she served as the President-Elect. She continues to serve on NASCAT's Executive Committee.

Ms. Gilden was selected to serve on the Corporate Governance and Markets Advisory Councils to the Board of Directors for the Council for Institutional Investors (CII) during 2013-2015. CII is a nonprofit association of pension and other employee benefits funds, endowments and foundations and a voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights. Ms. Gilden is also a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA).

Ms. Gilden regularly lectures at legal conferences around the country on securities litigation and class action law, and is a frequent speaker at institutional investor conferences and symposiums regarding securities law developments, shareholder rights and regulatory reform. She has authored and co-authored numerous scholarly articles and course materials on securities fraud cases, class actions, derivative litigation and related topics.

Ms. Gilden attended the University of Illinois, earning a B.S. in Business Administration, and received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she graduated with honors and was a member of the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

Kit A. Pierson

Kit A. Pierson is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group and the immediate past Co-chair of the Antitrust Practice Group. Under his leadership, the Legal 500 has recognized Cohen Milstein as a Leading Plaintiff Class Action Firm for seven years in a row and Law360 selected the Antitrust practice group as a Competition Law Practice Group of the Year in 2013 and 2014.

Mr. Pierson has served as lead or co-lead counsel in many antitrust cases on behalf of the victims of corporations engaged in price-fixing, market monopolization and other unlawful conduct. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2009, Mr. Pierson spent more than 20 years primarily representing defendants in a broad range of complex matters. Some of the companies he represented included Microsoft Corp., 3M Corp. and other major corporations, national associations and individuals in class actions and other antitrust litigation. As a result of his experience as a defense lawyer, Mr. Pierson possesses deep insight into defense strategies, understands the dynamics of the other side and is someone who has earned the respect and credibility of opposing counsel.

Mr. Pierson is a hands-on litigator who has litigated and tried antitrust lawsuits and other complex civil cases in many jurisdictions, helping to win settlements and judgments cumulatively totaling more than \$1.5 billion in the past several years. Currently, he is lead or co-lead counsel in many antitrust cases at the firm. Some of his current cases include:

- **Domestic Drywall Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in an antitrust litigation alleging that the seven major U.S. manufacturers of drywall conspired to manipulate prices. Mr. Pierson is running the case for Cohen Milstein and in 2015 took the lead for the direct purchaser plaintiffs in arguing against the defendants' summary judgment motions (which were denied by the Court for four of the five defendants). Settlements for \$45 million were also reached with two other defendants. The case is ongoing.
- **Ductile Iron Pipe Fittings Litigation:** Cohen Milstein, as co-lead counsel, represents a putative class of direct purchaser plaintiffs in a price-fixing case against the three largest manufacturers of ductile iron pipe fittings—McWane Inc., Sigma Corporation and Star Pipe Products—and a monopolization case against McWane for excluding significant competition in the domestic ductile iron pipe fittings market. Settlements of \$9 million have been reached with two of the defendants, Sigma and Star. Currently, Mr. Pierson is directing the team of attorneys that is now taking and completing fact depositions. The litigation is ongoing.
- **Cast Iron Soil Pipe & Fittings Litigation:** Cohen Milstein, as co-lead counsel, represents a putative class of direct purchaser plaintiffs against the two largest soil pipe and fittings manufacturers in the country (McWane Inc. and Charlotte Pipe & Foundry) and the trade association they control (Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute) in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants engaged in a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy and other anticompetitive actions. Mr. Pierson is directing the litigation team, which is currently concluding fact discovery. The litigation is ongoing. Mr. Pierson's successes include:
- **Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of chemicals used to make polyurethane foam. Four defendants—Bayer, BASF, Huntsman and Lyondell—settled for a total of \$139.5 million, while the case against the fifth manufacturer, Dow Chemical, went to trial. After a four-week jury trial, in which Mr. Pierson was one of the trial lawyers for the class, the jury returned a \$400 million verdict for the plaintiffs, which is trebled under federal antitrust law to more than \$1 billion, the largest verdict in the country in 2013, as reported by the National Law Journal. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment, and the case against Dow Chemical was settled for \$835 while the matter was pending before the United States Supreme Court (resulting in a total recovery of \$974.5 million in the case).
- **Community Health Care System Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-counsel representing an emergency room doctor and nurse in a whistleblower lawsuit alleging Community Health Care System defrauded the federal government in connection with health care bills. Cohen Milstein was co-counsel representing an emergency room doctor and

nurse who brought claims against CHC under the False Claims Act. Mr. Pierson led Cohen Milstein's team in the case, which was brought under the False Claims Act. The case was resolved for \$94 million.

- Electronic Books Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that Apple and five of the leading U.S. publishers conspired to raise the retail prices of e-books. Mr. Pierson led the Cohen Milstein team, which secured class certification, defeated motions to exclude the class expert, and successfully moved for exclusion of most of Apple's expert testimony. The five publishing defendants settled for \$166 million and a settlement was reached with Apple shortly before trial for an additional \$450 million.
- Guantanamo Litigation: Mr. Pierson represented Alla Ali Bin Ali Ahmed, a young man who had been arrested with many others while residing in a house in Pakistan and was then incarcerated in Guantanamo without a judicial hearing for more than seven years. After filing a habeas corpus petition, Mr. Pierson represented Mr. Ahmed at a multi-day evidentiary hearing before a United States District Court judge. At the conclusion of the hearing, the District Court ruled that the evidentiary record did not support Mr. Ahmed's detention and ordered that he be released from Guantanamo and returned to his home country.

Mr. Pierson was named one of the 500 leading lawyers in the United States in 2013 and 2014 by LawDragon 500 and was one of six lawyers selected by Law360 in 2014 as an MVP in the field of competition law. A champion for civil rights, he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, a national organization, and a Member of the ACLU of Maryland's Committee on Litigation and Legal Priorities. Mr. Pierson attended Macalester College, earning a B.A., magna cum laude, in Economics and Political Science, and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, magna cum laude, where he was a Note Editor of the Michigan Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif. Following law school, he served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Harry T. Edwards, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, from 1983-1984 and as a law clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge John Feikens, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, from 1984-1985.

J. Douglas Richards

J. Douglas Richards is a leading lawyer whose extensive experience litigating both Commodity Exchange Act and Sherman Act claims and expertise in the antitrust class action field is widely recognized.

Mr. Richards was named one of twenty-two antitrust "Litigation Stars" nationally, as one of the world's leading competition lawyers by The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists (2014), and has received the highest available peer ranking for many years from Martindale-Hubbell. Mr. Richards has been appointed co-lead counsel in numerous large antitrust class actions in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) and nationally. Mr. Richards has argued dozens of appeals, among them a number of antitrust matters that have helped shape the landscape of antitrust law, including *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544 (2007) before both the Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court, and Second Circuit cases like *In re Tamoxifen Citrate Antitrust Litig.*, 429 F.3d 370 (2d Cir. 2005), cert. denied, 127 S.Ct. 3001 (2007), and *Kruman v. Christie's Int'l PLC*, 284 F.3d 384 (2d Cir. 2002). Mr. Richards has unique expertise germane to a number of recent large class action cases involving antitrust claims concerning futures exchange trading, and has recently withdrawn from various other antitrust cases to enable him to focus more fully on exchange-trading cases.

Mr. Richards, who served as Deputy General Counsel of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") from 1997 to 2000, and possesses extensive experience in the Commodity Exchange Act field, is focusing on a number of recent large, ground-breaking class action cases involving antitrust claims concerning futures exchange trading, including:

- *In re Interest Rate Swaps Market Manipulation Litigation*, Case No. 1:16-md-02704-PAE, S.D.N.Y.: On August 3, 2016, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this groundbreaking putative class action, charging 12 Wall Street banks with conspiring to engineer and maintain a collusive and anti-competitive stranglehold over the interest rate swaps market – one of the world's biggest financial markets. The case is past the motion to dismiss stage and in active discovery.

- In re Treasuries Market Manipulation Litigation, Case No. 1:15-md-02673-PGG, S.D.N.Y.: On August 23, 2017, Cohen Milstein was appointed Co-Lead Counsel in this groundbreaking putative antitrust securities class action, alleging two dozen financial institutions with an inside role at the auction for U.S. Treasuries, conspired to manipulate yields and prices to their own benefit.

During his tenure at the CFTC, Mr. Richards assumed responsibility for all litigation by and against the CFTC (including personally arguing numerous appeals on behalf of the CFTC), and for two of those years simultaneously managed the CFTC's adjudicatory functions. In 1999, the Commission awarded Mr. Richards a Special Service Award for performing those two roles at the same time and successfully eliminating a long-standing backlog of Commission adjudicatory matters.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Richards served as head of the antitrust class action group at two major plaintiffs firms, as a government regulator in his role Deputy General Counsel of the CFTC, and a partner at a boutique defense-side firm. This experience from various sides of the litigation table gives Mr. Richards a three hundred and sixty degree view of cases that is particularly valuable for his clients. Mr. Richards began his career as an associate at Cahill Gordon & Reindel after earning his JD from Harvard Law School and graduating, with honors, from the University of Chicago where he majored in economics. He is a noted speaker at professional conferences, discussing the trends in commodities and pharmaceuticals antitrust and class action law and written extensively about antitrust laws, including chapters for books edited by the American Antitrust Institute covering issues of class action practice, law reviews, and other scholarly publications.

Karen L. Handorf

Karen L. Handorf is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Chair of the firm's Employee Benefits (ERISA) practice group. She joined the firm in 2007 following a distinguished career in government service litigating ERISA cases in federal and district courts. In her role as head of the Employee Benefits practice, Ms. Handorf represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases in the district courts and on appeal.

Ms. Handorf is involved in litigation and appeals involving a broad range of employee benefits issues. She currently leads a team of litigators in a series of lawsuits alleging that health care systems wrongfully claim their pension benefit plans are exempt from ERISA's protection because they are church plans. Ms. Handorf is also litigating issues involving the selection of proprietary funds by 401(k) plans sponsored by financial institutions and imprudent and non-diversified investments by defined benefit plans. She also represents Oregon officials in a lawsuit alleging that a provision of the state's OregonSaves retirement program for private-sector employees is preempted by ERISA.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Handorf was an attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), where she litigated ERISA cases in federal and district courts for 25 years. While at the DOL, she played a major role in formulating the Government's position on ERISA issues expressed in amicus briefs filed by the Solicitor General in the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Handorf is a recipient of the Department of Labor Distinguished Career Service Award and received Exceptional Achievement Awards for her work on ERISA 401(k) plan remedies, the amicus brief in the Enron litigation, retiree health care, the amicus program in general, the appellate brief in the Department's Tower litigation, termination annuities litigation and multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWAs) litigation.

Ms. Handorf has been recognized for her expertise by her colleagues in the ERISA bar, who named her a Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. She is a frequent speaker on ERISA issues for the ABA, various Bar associations and at private seminars. She serves as plaintiffs' co-chair of preemption subcommittee of the Employee Benefits Committee of the ABA's Labor Section. In 2016, 2017 and 2018, she was named to the Best Lawyers in America.

Ms. Handorf attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where she received a B.S. in Speech and History, and earned her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Martha Geer

Judge Martha Geer is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and will be head of the firm's new Raleigh, North Carolina office. She joined the firm in May 2016 after a distinguished career on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Judge Geer's background – almost two decades as a respected litigator and appellate advocate handling complex civil litigation followed by more than 13 years as a rarely-reversed appellate judge – is a composite of experience few attorneys have. Her combined litigation and judicial experience gives her a unique perspective and insight that will benefit her clients at the trial level and on appeal. In returning to private practice, Judge Geer will practice across all of the firm's areas of expertise, working at both the trial and the appellate levels.

Judge Geer was first elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2002, receiving more than a million votes statewide. In 2010, because of her reputation as a fair and impartial judge, she garnered bipartisan support that resulted in her winning re-election by a 20-point margin. During her tenure on the Court, Judge Geer has heard more than 3,800 appeals, authored more than 1,350 opinions, and had her opinions reversed less than 2% of the time. As one of the most experienced Court of Appeals judges, Judge Geer has been responsible for hearing and deciding appeals on a wide variety of issues involving almost every area of law. She also served on the Court's Executive Committee, which works with the Chief Judge in administration of the Court. During her service on the Court, she was named Outstanding Appellate Judge by the North Carolina Advocates for Justice.

Judge Geer's time on the bench has enhanced her ability to understand what judges – trial and appellate – need and want to know in order for clients to prevail at both the trial and appellate levels. Because of the similarity of intermediate appellate courts across jurisdictions, her experience and knowledge gained in North Carolina is valuable in litigation and appeals pending in all jurisdictions including the federal courts, making her a unique resource for clients. In addition, Judge Geer's reputation as an intelligent, practical, fair, and unbiased judge increases her credibility when arguing before other judges whether at the trial level or on appeal.

Illustrating the diversity of practice areas involved in her opinions, in *Boyd v. Robeson County*, Judge Geer wrote an opinion holding in a case of first impression for North Carolina that the office of a county sheriff is a "person" that may be sued under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, allowing an inmate to sue for violation of her Eighth Amendment rights when a jail failed to provide medical treatment after her appendix burst. In another opinion authored by Judge Geer, *Diggs v. Novant Health Inc.*, the Court held, again in a case of first impression, that a hospital could be liable under an apparent agency theory for the negligence of independent contractor anesthesiologists. In *Mason v. Dwinnell*, Judge Geer's opinion held that a trial court had authority, under the federal constitution, to award custody of a child, including visitation, to a same-sex domestic partner who was not a legal parent of the child. Judge Geer's opinion in *Blinson v. State* upheld the constitutionality, under the federal and state constitutions, of economic tax incentives granted to corporations in order to bring jobs to the State.

Prior to going on the bench, Judge Geer was a partner with two leading North Carolina plaintiffs' firms and was one of the founders of the second firm. She was a highly respected trial and appellate litigator known for obtaining cutting-edge and precedent-setting victories in a diverse set of practice areas, including among others, securities litigation, labor and employment law, ERISA, antitrust and trade regulation, commercial litigation, consumer protection, and constitutional and civil rights litigation (including suits against the State, sheriffs, counties, and municipalities). She was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*, and recognized by the journal *Business North Carolina* as one of North Carolina's "Legal Elite" – a list of the top 200 lawyers in the State.

Judge Geer began her legal career with Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison where she was taught that a bright, hardworking lawyer, willing to learn, can handle any type of litigation – a philosophy that led to her eclectic practice upon leaving Paul Weiss. While at Paul Weiss, she had the privilege of working with nationally-respected litigators, including legal icons such as Arthur Liman, on high profile cases including the litigation arising out of the attempt to corner

the silver market in 1979-1980. She also gained experience defending shareholder derivative and corporate takeover litigation. Judge Geer did substantial pro bono work, including being part of a team that obtained a stay of execution on behalf of a mentally retarded man on death row who was subsequently shown to be innocent by DNA testing, once such testing finally became available. That work led to her being one of the recipients of the 2004 Dybwad Humanitarian Award, the highest honor of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

As both a judge and a lawyer, Judge Geer has worked to improve the quality of legal representation through service on the Appellate Specialization Committee of the North Carolina State Bar, the Appellate Rules Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association, the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, and various committees of the American Bar Association and other bar association groups. She is also a highly sought after teacher of continuing education programs for both other judges and lawyers.

Judge Geer received her B.A. summa cum laude from Bryn Mawr College and her J.D. with high honors from the University of North Carolina School of Law where she was a Morehead Fellow and served as Managing Editor of the North Carolina Law Review.

Geoffrey Graber

Geoffrey Graber is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice, where he specializes in representing consumers in complex class action litigation involving issues of false advertising, fraud, data privacy theft and other forms of unfair business practices at the hands of banks, insurance, health care companies, and other consumer providers.

Mr. Graber also represents whistleblowers in qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act and whistleblower programs under the U.S. Securities Exchange (SEC), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). Often these lawsuits involve Foreign Corrupt Practices Act allegations.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Graber had a distinguished career at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), serving as Deputy Associate Attorney General and Director of the Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) Working Group at the DOJ, where he oversaw the DOJ's nationwide investigation into the packaging and sale of mortgage-backed securities (MBS), leading up to the financial crisis. He supervised more than 100 DOJ prosecutors, lawyers, investigators and analysts and worked closely with senior officials from the SEC, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Inspector General's Office for the Federal Finance Agency and more than 10 state attorneys general offices.

The DOJ investigations overseen by Mr. Graber ultimately recovered more than \$36 billion. These recoveries include the record-breaking \$16.65 billion settlement reached in August 2014 with Bank of America – the largest settlement with a single entity in U.S. history – as well as settlements with Citigroup (\$7 billion) and JP Morgan (\$13 billion).

Earlier in his tenure at the DOJ, Mr. Graber served as Counsel in the Civil Division, where he proposed and then led the three-year investigation (2004 – 2007) of Standard & Poor's (S&P) and its ratings of structured finance products. Mr. Graber oversaw the investigation and supervised a team of more than 50 prosecutors, DOJ lawyers, investigators and analysts. The investigation, which made groundbreaking use of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (FIRREA), resulted in the largest enforcement action filed by the United States concerning the financial crisis (United States v. Standard & Poor's). As a result of his successful work on S&P, Mr. Graber earned the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award in 2015.

In 2014, while at the DOJ, Mr. Graber also received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his work relating to the \$13 billion settlement with JP Morgan – including, at the time, the largest FIRREA penalty recovered by the DOJ.

Mr. Graber's distinguished background and experience has proven invaluable to clients. He is currently litigating the following high-profile matters:

- **Barnett v. Facebook:** Mr. Graber represents a putative class of advertising purchasers, who claim that Facebook breached its implied duty to perform with reasonable care and violated California's Unfair Competition Law by intentionally miscalculating and inflating metrics related to its video advertisement and monitoring services. If not for these miscalculations, plaintiffs claim, they would not have purchased more video advertisements and at a higher price than they otherwise would have paid.
- **Infante v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters):** Mr. Graber represents a putative class of purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers to purchase LensCrafter's higher-priced prescription lens products.
- **Democratic National Committee v. The Russian Federation, et al.:** On April 20, 2018 Cohen Milstein, on behalf of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Russian Federation, Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., and others for their attack on the 2016 U.S. elections, by, among other things, hacking DNC servers and disseminating stolen documents. Mr. Graber is one of the principal team leaders in the litigation.

Mr. Graber's recent successes include:

- **In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation:** Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a certified class action involving the 2015 cyberattack and massive data breach of Anthem, Inc., one of the nation's largest for-profit managed health care companies, which resulted in the theft of personal identification and health information of 78.8 million insureds. On August 25, 2017 the Court preliminarily approved a \$115 million settlement in this class action. The settlement, once approved, will be the largest data breach settlement in history. Mr. Graber was involved in all aspects of the litigation.

Before joining the DOJ, Mr. Graber was an associate at a top-tier defense law firm, where he defended Fortune 500 companies and their officers and directors in securities and derivative suits, consumer class actions and government investigations. Mr. Graber also devoted substantial time to pro bono representation of indigent individuals and families in civil rights actions against local law enforcement.

Mr. Graber received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Vassar College, and earned his law degree from the University of Southern California Law School, where he served as the Managing Articles Editor on Southern California Law Review.

Leslie M. Kroeger

Leslie M. Kroeger is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the firm's Complex Tort Litigation practice group. She focuses on complex, high-profile product liability, wrongful death, and managed care abuse litigation.

Ms. Kroeger is a highly accomplished trial attorney who began her legal career in the courtroom as an Assistant Public Defender for the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida and later became an Assistant State Attorney in Miami-Dade County, Florida. She then moved into private practice where she continues to handle a variety of complex civil litigation before state and federal courts in Florida and nationwide.

Currently, Ms. Kroeger is litigating the following notable matters:

- **Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation:** Cohen Milstein represents more than five families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in

Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing defective, X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.

- Pulse Nightclub Shooting: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel, representing more than 90 survivors and relatives of victims of the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. The wrongful death lawsuit against the shooter's former employer, G4S, alleges that it knew the shooter was mentally unstable and threatening violence, yet obtained his security license from the state with the use of a fraudulently signed psychological assessment, employed him as an armed guard, and repeatedly gave him weapons training.
- United States of America, et al. v. AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc.: Cohen Milstein represents three former managers of the AHF in a Federal and Florida State Whistleblower Act claims against the nation's largest provider of HIV/AIDS medical care for illegal patient referral kickbacks. Ms. Kroeger has been involved in all aspects of the litigation. The case is ongoing.
- Ratha, et al v Phatthana Seafood Co.: Cohen Milstein is representing seven Cambodian plaintiffs in a cross-border human rights lawsuit, involving human trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and peonage by factories in Thailand that produce shrimp and seafood for export to the United States.

Ms. Kroeger has successfully litigated the following lawsuits:

- Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al: Cohen Milstein represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and their families who suffered physical injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. A bellwether trial on behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. This resolution allowed for a successful case settlement.
- Mincey v. Takata: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey and her family. Patricia Mincey sustained catastrophic injuries that rendered her a quadriplegic in 2014 when the driver's side airbag in her Honda Civic deployed too aggressively during a collision due to a product defect. She passed away in early 2016 due to complications from her quadriplegia caused by the problematic airbag. The suit charged that Takata, the manufacturer of the airbag system, knew of the airbag defect and hid the problem from consumers. Evidence uncovered by the firm showed that Takata concealed the defective nature of the airbag system for more than a decade. The case was resolved in July 2016.
- Quinlan v. Toyota Motor Corporation: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a product liability case filed against Toyota, alleging that manufacturing defects in the defendant's car caused the car being driven by the plaintiff to suddenly accelerate and go out of control, resulting in catastrophic injuries that left Quinlan a quadriplegic. The defendant entered into a confidential settlement. Ms. Kroeger was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- In re: Caterpillar, Inc. Engine Products Liability Litigation: Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a nationwide product liability class action lawsuit, alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. Ms. Kroeger was involved all aspects of the litigation.
- John Doe v. Sunz Insurance Company and CorVel Corporation: Cohen Milstein successfully represented John Doe in a workers compensation arbitration against his workers' compensation carrier and third-party administrator for breach of fiduciary duty and intentional infliction of emotional distress relating to their denial of medically necessary cervical spine surgery, recommended by a carrier-approved orthopedic surgeon, and their termination of his workers' compensation benefits.

Ms. Kroeger is the President-Elect of the Florida Justice Association (FJA), one of the nation's premier plaintiffs trial associations. In June 2019 she will serve as President of FJA, the second female President in the history of the association. Since 2001, Ms. Kroeger has been an active member of FJA, serving on the Executive Committee since 2011 and more recently as FJA's Secretary and Treasurer. She is a past Chair of the Women's Caucus.

FJA has also recognized Ms. Kroeger for her leadership and advocacy efforts. In 2017 and 2018, she was presented with FJA's Cornerstone Award in recognition of her leadership and efforts in recruiting new members to the organization. In

2015, Ms. Kroeger was awarded FJA's Champion of Consumer Safety Award for her lobbying efforts before the Florida legislature, resulting in passage of SB 518, a state law requiring children under age five to be secured in federally-approved child-restraint devices.

Ms. Kroeger also currently serves on the Board of Directors of Guardians for New Futures, and she oversees a Safe Kids bi-annual booster-seat give-away. She is Past-President and Founder of the Martin County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She also served six years on the Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee.

Ms. Kroeger is widely recognized for her leadership and legal skills. She was recently awarded Daily Business Review's 2018 Distinguished Leader award. She is consistently recognized by Best Lawyers in America in the field of Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs, as well as Florida Super Lawyers, and Florida Trend's Legal Elite. Ms. Kroeger is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Ms. Kroeger often speaks and writes on a range of issues dealing with litigation strategies and tactics from addressing the standards for expert witness testimony in light of the Supreme Court's Daubert ruling to delivering compelling opening statements and other trial skills, as well as legal trends related to automotive negligence, roadway safety and guardrail systems, managed care abuse, and denial of workers' compensation claims. She is frequently invited to speak at the Florida Workers' Advocates Annual Conference, the 2017 North Carolina Advocates for Justice Annual Conference, and the Al J. Cone Trial Advocacy Institute and other CLE programs hosted by the Florida Justice Association. In 2016, Ms. Kroeger was named to Law360's Product Liability Editorial Advisory Board.

Ms. Kroeger graduated with high honors from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and obtained her law degree from the Cumberland School of Law, Samford University. Following law school, she served in a trial clerkship in Miami.

Victoria S. Nugent

Victoria S. Nugent is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the Public Client practice group. She has been with Cohen Milstein since 2000, and her work has focused on consumer protection and public health and safety.

Since joining Cohen Milstein's Public Client practice group in 2011, Ms. Nugent has represented state Attorneys General, counties, and cities in civil law enforcement investigations and litigation involving consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and other areas of enforcement that protect government interests and vulnerable communities.

Ms. Nugent's recent representations include:

- Opioids Crisis Litigation and Investigation: Representing New Jersey in its consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance lawsuit against Purdue Pharma; representing Indiana in its investigation of all actors contributing to the opioid crisis, including pharmaceutical manufacturers and opioid distributors.
- Nursing Homes: Representing the State of New Mexico in litigation related to Medicaid fraud and deceptive marketing by skilled nursing facilities that promised, but failed to provide, basic care to their elderly residents.

Ms. Nugent has represented public clients on other matters involving consumer and financial fraud. Some of her successes include:

- Representing the states of Arizona and Nevada in litigation against Bank of America for deceptive conduct in connection with servicing approximately 500,000 mortgages, resulting in financial payments to consumers and the states, commitments to mortgage modifications and other equitable relief valued at nearly \$1 billion.
- Representing the state of Nevada in investigations into the conduct of Deutsche Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland, two of the investment banks that encouraged and enabled the predatory lending practices of retail

lenders. Ms. Nugent helped develop the State's legal theories and claims and handled numerous aspects of these investigations.

Ms. Nugent began her career at Cohen Milstein in the Firm's Consumer Protection & Unsafe Products practice, where she focused on consumer protection and public health litigation. Past cases include *In re StarLink Product Liability Litigation*, in which she represented farmers suing Aventis CropScience after an unapproved variety of genetically modified corn was detected in the U.S. corn supply and drove down prices for all U.S. corn exports. More than \$100 million was recovered for the class in a landmark settlement. In 2009 and 2010, Ms. Nugent filed suit on behalf of consumers challenging the post-transaction marketing practices (also sometimes called "negative option marketing") and in two significant rulings persuaded federal courts in California and Washington that these practices run afoul of state consumer protection laws. Ms. Nugent has argued cases before the high courts of Georgia, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia, as well as the federal D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining the Cohen Milstein, Ms. Nugent worked for seven years at Public Citizen, a national consumer advocacy organization. There, she worked on many legislative and regulatory campaigns addressing issues that ranged from automobile safety to international trade policy. After graduating from law school in 1998, Ms. Nugent received a two-year fellowship sponsored by the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL). As a NAPIL Fellow, she worked at Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, where she helped develop and prosecute impact litigation in the areas of arbitration, banking, credit, and insurance.

Ms. Nugent has served on the D.C. Bar Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct since 2012.

Benjamin D. Brown

Benjamin D. Brown is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and Co-Chair of the firm's Antitrust practice group. Mr. Brown, who previously served in the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, brings to his role extensive experience leading complex litigation, particularly antitrust class actions.

Mr. Brown has been appointed by federal courts to serve as co-lead counsel or on steering committees for plaintiffs in numerous important matters, such as *In re Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Ill.); *Allen, et al. v. Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.* (D. Vt.); and *Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation* (D. Nv.). He has led cases through trial and argued appeals and stands ready to take cases through to the finish line.

Mr. Brown is also a leader in the area of takings cases, claims that are brought under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution for the unconstitutional taking of property without compensation. He also represents individuals or groups in litigations and confidential arbitrations involving complex commercial disputes, particularly those involving regulated markets.

Currently, Mr. Brown is litigating a number of large, complex antitrust and price manipulation lawsuits, where he plays a prominent role and leads all aspects of the litigation, from deciding on the claims to be brought, the strategy to be pursued and charting the course of the case. Notable matters include:

- **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC – commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or "UFC" – has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the case in September 2015 and discovery is ongoing. Mr. Brown is co-lead in this class action.
- **Allen, et al. v. Dairy Farmers of America, Inc:** Cohen Milstein served co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit on behalf of Northeast dairy farmers against Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) and Dean Foods Company charging a conspiracy to reduce competition for raw milk and that DFA monopolized the milk market in the Northeast, forcing

dairy farmers to market their milk through DFA or its affiliate Dairy Marketing Services (DMS). Final, approved settlements total \$50 million.

- DairyAmerica Litigation: Cohen Milstein is sole lead counsel of a putative class of dairy farmers who allege that defendants fraudulently misreported nonfat dry milk prices to the National Agricultural Statistics service, resulting in artificially depressed raw milk prices and unfairly depriving American dairy farmers of tens or hundreds of millions of dollars. Mr. Brown directs and leads all aspects of the litigation.

Mr. Brown is also currently litigating a number of takings lawsuits, including the following notable matters:

- Ideker Farms, et al. v. United States of America: Cohen Milstein represents Ideker Farms and more than 400 other plaintiffs located in six states along the Missouri River in a landmark mass action lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims alleging that the federal government took land and flooding easements over lands owned by farmers without any compensation in violation of the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment. Mr. Brown has helped lead the litigation team, including during a months-long liability trial in 2017, during which he personally cross-examined ten witnesses, including six experts. In March 2018, the Court ruled largely in favor of plaintiffs on liability and cause of flooding claims. Bellwether trials continue. The Court will next determine the extent of the losses due to the taking.
- Big Oak Farms, Inc., et al. v. United States of America: Cohen Milstein represents a group of farmers along the Mississippi River in a Fifth Amendment takings case alleging that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intentionally flooded plaintiffs' land without providing just compensation. Mr. Brown has been directing and leading all aspects of the litigation.

Mr. Brown joined Cohen Milstein in 2005, following four years as a trial attorney with the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice. At the Department of Justice, Mr. Brown led and assisted in numerous investigations, litigations and trials involving antitrust activity and mergers. Mr. Brown also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, where he prosecuted criminal cases. Prior to serving in the U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Brown was in private practice, where he counseled defendants in antitrust litigation matters. This experience has provided him with insights into defense strategies and has earned him the respect of defendants' counsel.

The Legal 500 has recognized Mr. Brown as one of the nation's leading class action antitrust attorneys. Mr. Brown is also recognized in Who's Who Legal: Thought Leaders – Competition, and he has been listed as one of Washington D.C.'s "Leading Star" Plaintiffs' Litigators by Benchmark Litigation, recognizing his writing, his depositions and his arguments in court. He is a frequent panelist at legal industry gatherings and is a recognized expert on antitrust litigation whose opinions on the newest developments and trends in antitrust litigation are often quoted in the media. Mr. Brown is a contributing author of the ABA's Antitrust Class Actions Handbook, and has served as a state editor for the ABA's Survey of State Class Action Law. He authored several chapters on private antitrust recovery actions for the Global Competition Review's Antitrust Review of the Americas, and co-authored with fellow partner Douglas Richards, "Predominance of Common Questions – Common Mistakes in Applying the Class Action Standard," Rutgers Law Journal (Vol. 41).

Mr. Brown is currently serving on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies at Loyola University Chicago's School of Law.

Mr. Brown attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in Philosophy, and earned his J.D., from Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. He served as Law Clerk to the Hon. Chief Judge Juan R. Torruella, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The United States District Court for the District of Columbia has honored Mr. Brown for his outstanding commitment to pro bono litigation.

Manuel J. Dominguez

Manuel J. ("John") Dominguez is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Antitrust practice group. Mr. Dominguez specializes in complex, multi-district antitrust litigation, representing individuals and businesses that have

been harmed by anticompetitive business practices. Mr. Dominguez, in addition, plays a significant role in the practice group identifying and investigating potential antitrust violations.

Mr. Dominguez has been litigating complex antitrust and consumer cases for more than 20 years, and has served as lead counsel and handled numerous high-profile, high-stakes cases during that time. His efforts have enabled aggrieved businesses and consumers to recover hundreds of millions of dollars. He litigated and resolved cutting-edge litigation against AOL for allegedly unlawfully collecting the Internet search data of millions of users and making their private information available for downloading by the general public. Earlier in his career, Mr. Dominguez litigated a highly significant securities matter that settled for hundreds of millions of dollars involving Symbol Technologies Inc., a barcode technology maker that intentionally overstated its revenues through premature revenue recognition, improper consignments arrangements and channel stuffing.

Mr. Dominguez, who joined Cohen Milstein in 2011, has assisted the firm in developing its investigatory and case development groups. He is a hands-on litigator who is currently representing plaintiffs in antitrust litigation involving alleged price-fixing and anticompetitive monopolistic practices in various industries including truck transmissions, medical products, auto industry and finance, among others. Although Mr. Dominguez's practice is focused on antitrust litigation, he continues to be involved in securities and consumer matters.

Mr. Dominguez is currently representing direct purchasers in a series of Auto Parts antitrust class action lawsuits being litigated in the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit. These cases stem from the largest antitrust investigation in the history of the U.S. Department of Justice, with over \$1 billion in fines and multiple criminal indictments. Two of the cases, Wire Harnesses and Bearings, are scheduled to be the first cases to be considered for certification by the court. In these cases, Mr. Dominguez has significant responsibilities, including leading discovery efforts against defendants and assisting experts.

Mr. Dominguez is also co-lead counsel in the Truck Transmissions Antitrust Litigation alleging that Eaton Corp., the largest manufacturer of truck transmissions, and the four major truck manufacturers conspired to create a monopoly for transmissions used in heavy-duty trucks. Mr. Dominguez responsibilities include arguing all the major motions and deposing and defending nearly all the expert depositions in this matter. The case is currently up on appeal in the Third Circuit.

Mr. Dominguez began his career as an Assistant Attorney General serving in the Attorney General of the State of Florida's Department of Economic Crimes. In that role, he represented the state of Florida in prosecuting corporations and business entities for alleged violations of Florida's RICO, antitrust and Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act statutes. Following his service as an Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Dominguez entered private practice, litigating and trying numerous cases involving unfair trade practices and other alleged violations of state and federal consumer protection statutes. In 2000, he joined a premier class action firm focused on antitrust and securities litigation; there, he rose to the head of the firm's antitrust and consumer practice groups. Mr. Dominguez recently won a significant motion to dismiss in a non-class action antitrust action brought on behalf of Doctors and practice groups against a major insurance company and hospital in Florida in *Omni Healthcare, Inc. v. Health First, Inc.* The issues presented and argued were issues of first impression for the middle district of Florida.

Mr. Dominguez is also nationally recognized for his knowledge of managing the discovery process in today's increasingly technologically complex business environment. He has made presentations on topics such as the impact of the new e-discovery amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and has also participated in The Sedona Conference® Working Group 1, an organization at the vanguard of developing standards for electronic discovery.

Mr. Dominguez formerly served as the Chair for the Antitrust, Franchise & Trade Regulation Committee of the Florida Bar's Business Law Section. Mr. Dominguez previously served as the Vice Chair of this committee and was a member of the Executive Council of Florida Bar's Business Law Section. He is also co-author of an article that appeared in the Florida

Bar Journal, "The Plausibility Standard as a Double Edge Sword: The application of Twombly and Iqbal to Affirmative Defenses" (Vol. 84, No. 6).

Mr. Dominguez received a B.A. from Florida International University, and earned his J.D. from the Florida State University Law School, graduating with honors. In law school, he was a member of the Transnational Journal of Law and Policy.

Brent W. Johnson

Brent W. Johnson is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice group. Mr. Johnson co-leads the group's new case investigations. He has initiated and developed cases that have compensated class members hundreds of millions of dollars and helped break new ground in antitrust law, including challenging no-poach agreements in labor markets.

Mr. Johnson was recognized in 2017 and 2018 by The Legal 500 as a "Next Generation Lawyer," an honor bestowed upon less than a dozen lawyers positioned to become leaders in the field of antitrust civil litigation and class actions. He also was named a Super Lawyers "Rising Star" and a "Top Rated Antitrust Litigation Attorney in Washington, DC" in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Mr. Johnson has considerable expertise and strategic perspective in large, complex antitrust litigation and class actions, having represented businesses and individuals as plaintiffs and defendants. His practice encompasses a broad range of antitrust claims, including Sherman Act Section 1 restraints of trade and Section 2 monopoly and monopsony claims. He has argued before federal district courts and state trial and appellate courts and brought cases to trial.

Mr. Johnson's recent successes include the following notable antitrust class actions:

- In re Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.): Mr. Johnson initiated the investigation and filed the first complaint in this case, in which Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel for a class of direct purchasers of drywall against drywall manufacturers for price-fixing. The Court has approved settlements that total more than \$190 million. The Court commented that it had sided with Plaintiffs because of counsel's "outstanding work," and that Plaintiffs' counsel had a "sophisticated and highly professional approach." It complemented the attorneys as "highly skilled" and noted that their performance on class action issues was "imaginative." It also stated that "Few cases with no government action, or investigation, result in class settlements as large as this one."
- In re Animation Workers Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Mr. Johnson developed this case with two other attorneys in the firm, and Cohen Milstein filed the first complaint. Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants, who include Pixar, Lucasfilm Ltd. and DreamWorks Animation, secretly agreed not to solicit class members and to coordinate on compensation. The Court approved settlements with all of the defendants for a total of \$168.5 million.
- Grand Strand v. Oltrin (D. S.C.): Mr. Johnson was personally appointed co-lead Class Counsel and led the CMST team in representing a class of direct purchasers of bulk bleach, including municipal water authorities and others, against that product's manufacturers who engaged in an illegal market allocation agreement. The Court approved a settlement worth nearly all of the class's single damages and remarked that the case had been "skillfully handled."
- In re Urethane Antitrust Litigation (D. Kan.): Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel on behalf of a certified class of direct purchasers of several types of chemicals who were overcharged as a result of a nationwide price-fixing and market allocation conspiracy. In the litigation, multiple defendants collectively settled for over \$130 million, and a jury verdict of \$1.1 billion was secured against Dow Chemical, the final defendant, in 2013. Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while the case was on appeal before the Supreme Court, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million – nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- The Shane Group, Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (E.D. Mich.): Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel, representing a class of purchasers of hospital services against Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan for agreeing to

MFN provisions in its contracts with hospitals throughout Michigan that required those hospitals to charge other insurers as much or considerably more for services provided to class members. The Court approved a settlement with BCBSM for nearly \$30 million.

Currently, Mr. Johnson is litigating the following antitrust class actions:

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel, representing the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and a proposed buy-side investor class against numerous Wall Street investment banks. The class alleges that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from inflated bid/ask spreads.
- In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Ill.): Cohen Milstein represents a class of end-user consumers of broiler chicken in a litigation alleging that the defendants, who include Perdue Farms and Tyson Foods, agreed to restrict the supply of broilers, among other things, thereby raising their price to consumers. The case is ongoing.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Johnson practiced at a premier global law firm, where he focused on antitrust litigation for plaintiffs and defendants. Some of Mr. Johnson's matters included:

- Feesers, Inc. v. Michael Foods, Inc. and Sodexho, Inc. (M.D. Pa.): Mr. Johnson was a member of the successful trial team that represented Michael Foods, a manufacturer of processed egg products and refrigerated potato products, in a three-week trial of a Robinson-Patman Act action brought by a broad-line distributor of food products.
- Dahl, et al. v. Bain Capital, et al. (D. Mass.): Mr. Johnson represented The Carlyle Group in a class action where plaintiffs alleged collusion among certain private equity firms and investment banks in specific going-private transactions in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
- In re Aftermarket Filters Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Ill.): Mr. Johnson represented Champion Laboratories, a manufacturer of aftermarket automotive filters, in a class action where plaintiffs alleged a conspiracy among manufacturers to fix prices in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act.
- National Laser Technology, Inc. v. Biolase Technology, Inc. (S.D. Ind.): Mr. Johnson represented Biolase, the country's largest manufacturer of lasers for dental applications, against Sherman Act claims brought by a competitor aftermarket dental laser support company. The matter resulted in a favorable settlement for the client.

Mr. Johnson has significant experience in other complex civil litigation, including mass torts and government contracts.

Mr. Johnson is a commentator on antitrust and class action issues. In the fall of 2016, he provided testimony concerning Rule 23 to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules on behalf of the Committee to Support the Antitrust Laws. Along with Emmy Levens, he published an article on ascertainability in the Spring 2016 issue of the ABA's Antitrust magazine. He is a member of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law. In his pro bono work, he has represented Covenant House Washington, D.C., Habitat for Humanity International Inc. and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Mr. Johnson graduated magna cum laude from Duke University, with a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, and attended Stanford Law School, where he earned his law degree.

Betsy A. Miller

Betsy A. Miller is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the Public Client practice group. Ms. Miller represents state Attorneys General, counties, and cities in civil law enforcement investigations and litigation involving consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and other areas of enforcement that protect government interests and vulnerable communities. She currently represents the states of Indiana and New Jersey in their opioid investigations and litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Miller served as the Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel to the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. Her responsibilities included supervising an office of 700+ employees and serving as the lead lawyer for the historic transition of the D.C. Public Schools under Mayor Adrian Fenty and Chancellor Michelle Rhee.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Miller served as Counsel for Senator Patrick J. Leahy (D-VT) on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where she was responsible for handling confirmation hearings on presidential nominations to the federal judiciary, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to U.S. Attorney's Offices.

Ms. Miller also spent eight years as a litigator for two premier defense firms, where she represented some of the nation's largest companies and individuals in matters including First Amendment issues, complex contract disputes, collective bargaining negotiations and arbitration, employment class actions and challenges to independent contractor classification. Her civil defense experience adds to Ms. Miller's deep and balanced litigation skillset.

Since 2001, Ms. Miller has served as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School, where she teaches seminars on negotiation and mediation strategy. She also holds a certificate in leadership coaching from Georgetown University and is a Member of the International Coach Federation (ICF).

Ms. Miller's recent representations include:

- Opioids Crisis Litigation & Investigation: Representing New Jersey in its consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance lawsuit against Purdue Pharma; representing Indiana in its investigation of all actors contributing to the opioid crisis, including pharmaceutical manufacturers and opioid distributors.
- Moody's Litigation: Represented the co-lead state (Mississippi) and New Jersey in the \$864 million consumer fraud settlement achieved in January 2017 by 22 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Moody's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Moody's Analytics, Inc.
- S&P Litigation: Represented co-lead state (Mississippi) in the \$1.375 billion-dollar consumer fraud settlement achieved in 2015 by 20 states and the U.S. Department of Justice with Standard & Poor's. Together with the Moody's settlement, these cases against the nation's two largest credit rating agencies produced key industry reforms that provide greater transparency for consumers and that divested the credit rating agencies of more than \$2.2 billion for their conduct contributing to the national housing crisis and Great Recession.

Ms. Miller's investigation and litigation successes include matters in the financial, health care and employment law sectors. Examples include:

- Representing the states of Arizona and Nevada in litigation against Bank of America for deceptive conduct in connection with servicing approximately 500,000 mortgages; resulting in financial payments to consumers and the states, commitments to mortgage modifications and other equitable relief valued at nearly \$1 billion.
- Representing the state of Montana in an investigation of a Fortune 100 company regarding alleged misclassification of employees as independent contractors; resulting in a multi-million dollar resolution for the state.
- Representing other state attorneys general and municipalities in numerous confidential investigations and settlements.
- Earlier in her career, Ms. Miller was a full-time mediator and negotiation consultant. She was engaged by the Kennedy School of Government to evaluate mediation and arbitration programs across Central America, after which she contributed to a book on the same subject.

In addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School, Ms. Miller has taught intensive negotiation courses at Harvard Law School's Negotiation Institute (formerly Harvard's Program of Instruction for Lawyers), and has provided negotiation skills training for a wide variety of federal and state government agencies, law firms, corporations and non-profit organizations.

Ms. Miller has authored several articles, including her most recent publication, “Untapped Potential: Creating a Systematic Model for Mediation Preparation,” which appears as Chapter 13 in the AAA Handbook on Mediation – Third Edition (2016).

Ms. Miller received her undergraduate degree in Comparative Literature from Dartmouth College, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and earned her law degree from Harvard Law School, where she was an editor on the Harvard Human Rights Journal and the Harvard Latino Law Review. She is the recipient of Harvard Law School’s post-graduate Heyman Fellowship for government service and academic excellence and Harvard Law School’s Kaufman Fellowship for public service. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Thomas Penfield Jackson in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In 2017, Ms. Miller received her Certificate in Leadership Coaching from Georgetown University’s Institute for Transformational Leadership (ITL).

Gary L. Azorsky

Gary L. Azorsky is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and Co-chair of the Firm’s Whistleblower/False Claims Act Practice. Mr. Azorsky joined Cohen Milstein in 2012, establishing the practice. In his role, Mr. Azorsky pursues whistleblower cases under the federal and state false claims act statutes in the health care, pharmaceutical, banking and defense contractor industries and other industries that conduct business with the government. Mr. Azorsky specializes in the complex, highly detailed process for filing and pursuing these cases. In his practice, he has helped right wrongs and to recover nearly \$2.5 billion in defrauded funds for federal and state governments, including hundreds of millions of dollars for whistleblower clients.

Most recently, Mr. Azorsky served as co-lead counsel in the qui tam action against the pharmaceutical company Wyeth pending in the District of Massachusetts, in which more states joined to intervene along with the government of the United States than had ever before intervened in a qui tam action. (United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth, No.1:03-CV-12366-DPW [D.Mass.].) The \$784.6 million settlement was the seventh-largest False Claims Act recovery on record and the second-largest recovery in history involving a single class of drugs. Mr. Azorsky worked alongside Department of Justice attorneys and states Attorneys General throughout the 12-year pendency of the case.

Mr. Azorsky was actively involved in precedent-setting cases, such as the series of Ven-A-Care cases, which were among the first large FCA multi-state cases and laid the groundwork for much of the false claims act litigation that goes on today. He has also represented whistleblowers in False Claims Act cases involving defense contractors, off-label marketing and misbranding by pharmaceutical companies and fraud in connection with the banking industry, for-profit colleges and student loan programs. In addition, Mr. Azorsky represents whistleblowers in tax fraud claims against large and small corporations through the IRS Whistleblower Office, as well as whistleblowers alleging violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and violations of the federal securities laws filed with the SEC Whistleblower Office.

Mr. Azorsky served as co-counsel for the whistleblower on the following representative matters:

- United States of America ex rel. Ven-a-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Dey Laboratories, et al., Civil Action No. 05-11084 (D. Mass) (\$280 Million settlement in December 2010)
- United States of America ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 07-10248 (D. Mass.) (\$280 Million settlement in December, 2010)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$6.5 Million settlement with Dey Laboratories, Inc. in March 2010)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$9.57 Million settlement with Schering-Plough in December 2009)
- Florida ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Boehringer Ingelheim Corp, et al., Civil Action No. 98-3-32A (Leon Cty., Fla.) (\$8.5 Million settlement with Boehringer Ingelheim in December 2009)

- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Roxane Laboratories, Inc., Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ben Venue Laboratories, Inc. and Boehringer Ingelheim Corporation, Civil Action No. GV3-03079 (Travis Cty., Tex.) (\$10 Million settlement with Boehringer Ingelheim in November 2005)
- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Warrick Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Schering Plough Corporation, Schering Corporation, Civil Action No. GV002327 (Travis Cty., Tex.) (\$27 Million settlement with Schering-Plough in May 2004)
- Texas ex rel. Ven-A-Care of the Florida Keys Inc. v. Dey, Inc., Dey, L.P., Civil Action No. GV002327 (Travis Cty., Tex.) (\$18.5 Million settlement with Dey Laboratories, Inc. in June 2003)

Mr. Azorsky is recognized for his expertise. He has served as an expert witness in a legal malpractice case concerning qui tam practice. He has provided expert guidance on the False Claims Act in congressional hearings, as well as before the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the passage of a False Claims Act for the state. In addition, he regularly speaks before professional audiences regarding the federal and state False Claims Acts.

Mr. Azorsky is a member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the Federal False Claims Act and its qui tam provisions. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, in addition to his Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice, he was actively involved in groundbreaking civil rights, commercial and intellectual property litigation, including Internet and software industry-related litigation.

Mr. Azorsky is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, with a B.A. in English, and received his law degree from Cornell University Law School.

Jeanne A. Markey

Jeanne A. Markey is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and Co-Chair of the firm's Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice group.

Ms. Markey has successfully represented whistleblowers in federal and state cases across the country in some of highest-profile qui tam litigation in the healthcare, defense, financial services, and education industries. She has also represented whistleblower clients in the public housing sector, in S.E.C. related matters, and in matters involving complex financial instruments.

Representative settled cases include:

- United States of America et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth: Ms. Markey was co-lead counsel in this False Claims Act whistleblower case against pharmaceutical giant Wyeth (subsequently acquired by Pfizer), in which the whistleblowers alleged that Wyeth defrauded Medicaid, the joint federal/state healthcare program for the poor, when it reported falsely inflated prices for its acid suppression drug Protonix from 2001 through 2006 for Medicaid rebate purposes. Weeks before trial, in February 2016, in one of the largest qui tam settlements in U.S. history, Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million to the U.S. government and the over 35 intervening states.
- United States et al. ex relators v. Southern SNF Management, Inc. and Rehab Services in Motion, LLC: Ms. Markey was lead counsel in this False Claims Act case in which three whistleblowers employed by a chain of skilled nursing facilities located in Florida and Alabama alleged that the chain was engaged in a multi-year scheme of inflating the facilities' Medicare collections by assigning Medicare patients to levels of therapy, (often referred to as "RUG" levels), higher than what was medically reasonable and necessary for that patient. In July 2018 this case settled for \$10 million.
- Ven-A-Care Whistleblower Litigation: Ms. Markey was involved in a series of Ven-A-Care whistleblower cases which pertained to the inflated reimbursement amounts drug companies were causing Medicare and Medicaid to pay for prescription drugs by reporting inflated wholesale prices to the government. These large, highly-successful

groundbreaking cases helped to pave the way for a wide range of subsequent False Claims Act cases in the realm of healthcare and directed at drug companies in particular.

In 2016, Ms. Markey was recognized as one of the top 25 women lawyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by The Legal Intelligencer.

In 2018, Ms. Markey, an alumna of Cornell University Law School, was invited to become a member of The President's Council of Cornell Women.

She is also an active member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the Federal False Claims Act and its Qui Tam provisions, and the Association of qui tam attorneys.

She frequently speaks about developments in the qui tam field and has co-authored several articles about topics including statistical sampling and representing whistleblowers in cases involving issues of medical necessity.

Ms. Markey received her B.A. (cum laude) from Colgate University and her J.D. from Cornell University Law School.

Michael B. Eisenkraft

Michael B. Eisenkraft is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and takes a leading role in prosecuting cases relating to the protection of commodity and financial markets for the firm and currently represents investors in the Natural Gas, KOSPI 200, LIBOR, Treasuries, and Interest Rate Swaps markets. He has also helped investors recover hundreds of millions of dollars in the Firm's mortgage-backed securities cases. Mr. Eisenkraft serves as the Administrative Partner for Cohen Milstein's New York office and chairs the firm's new business development committee.

His notable successes at Cohen Milstein include:

- HEMT MBS Litigation: \$110 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by Credit Suisse (final approval pending) after more than seven years of litigation, which included the first written decision certifying a Securities Act class of mortgage-backed securities in the country.
- RALI MBS Litigation: \$335 million in settlements on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued by Residential Capital and underwritten by various investment banks after seven years of litigation.
- Harborview MBS Litigation: \$275 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by the Royal Bank of Scotland and its subsidiaries after more than six years of litigation.
- Dynex: \$7.5 million settlement on eve of trial on behalf of investors in asset-backed securities. The decision certifying the class in the case was the first decision within the Second Circuit certifying a class of asset-backed bond purchasers under the 1934 Act.
- China MediaExpress: \$12 million settlement with auditor defendant in case involving alleged fraud at Chinese reverse merger company China MediaExpress. One of the largest settlements with an auditor defendant in a case involving a Chinese reverse merger company.

Mr. Eisenkraft's current cases include:

- Total Gas & Power Antitrust and Commodities Litigation: Represents putative class in action against the energy company Total in case alleging antitrust violations and violations of the Commodity Exchange Act in connection with manipulation of the market for natural gas.
- NovaStar MBS Litigation: Securities Act litigation involving billions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities underwritten by the Royal Bank of Scotland, Wachovia and Deutsche Bank.

- Tower Research Capital: Commodity Exchange Act class action against a high frequency trading firm alleging manipulation of the market for KOSPI 200 futures contracts (the representative stock market index of South Korea) using spoofing or faked trades.
- LIBOR (Exchange Traded Class): Commodity Exchange Act and antitrust class action representing investors in Eurodollar futures injured by manipulation of LIBOR by world's largest banks.
- Interest Rate Swaps: Represents Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and putative class in action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent an exchange-traded market for interest rate swaps from developing.

Mr. Eisenkraft served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Barrington D. Parker of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He is the author or co-author of numerous articles on legal issues in the securities and antitrust fields among other subjects. Mr. Eisenkraft attended Brown University, where he received a B.A., magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Michelle C. Yau

Michelle C. Yau is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Firm's Employee Benefits (ERISA) Practice Group. In her role, Ms. Yau represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants or beneficiaries in ERISA cases. Her practice specializes in ERISA cases involving complex financial transactions or actuarial issues. Ms. Yau brings to her practice government experience enforcing labor statutes and a grasp of complex financial instruments gained from her training as a financial analyst. Drawing on those experiences, she is able to fulfill her passion for protecting pension plan participants.

Ms. Yau litigated some of the most significant ERISA lawsuits to emerge from the Madoff Ponzi scheme. In re Beacon Assoc. Litig., she represented a multi-plan class of participants, beneficiaries and fiduciaries, which settled along with other consolidated cases for \$219 million in 2013, representing 70% of the Class members' out-of-pocket losses. The judge praised the settlement, describing the outcome as "extraordinary" and the praising the "hard work" done by plaintiffs' counsel, including Cohen Milstein. In re Austin Capital Mgmt. Litig., which was settled by the Department of Labor on the ERISA class on very favorable terms, Ms. Yau alleged that Madoff's returns, based on his advertised investment strategy, were mathematically impossible, a fact Austin Capital ought to have recognized well before the fraud was revealed.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2007, Ms. Yau was an Honors Program Attorney at the Department of Labor where she enforced and administered a variety of labor statutes. Before law school, she worked as a financial analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in the Financial Institutions Group of the Investment Banking Division.

Ms. Yau is presently litigating a series of church plan lawsuits alleging that health care systems wrongfully claim their benefit plans are exempt from ERISA's protection. She oversees the day-to-day management of these cases, including coordinating all the aspects of the litigation.

Currently, Ms. Yau is representing clients in the following notable matters:

- St. Peter's Health Care System Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is counsel to a class of defined benefit participants in Kaplan v. St. Peter's Healthcare System, which allege that the hospital's plan is not a church plan and thus the class is entitled to ERISA's protections. In district court, Cohen Milstein succeeded in showing that only a church may establish a church plan and thus St. Peter's Healthcare System is not entitled to exemption from ERISA. Cohen Milstein then prevailed in the Third Circuit, which affirmed the district court's holdings.
- St. Anthony Medical Center Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is counsel to a class of defined benefit participants in Owens et al. v. St. Anthony Medical Center et al., which allege that the Medical Center violated numerous provisions of ERISA by improperly operating the plan as exempt from ERISA's protections. As a result the class of participants suffered cutbacks as much as 40% of their promised benefits.

- Trinity Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is counsel to a class of defined benefit participants in Lann et al. v. Trinity Health, which allege that the hospital's plan is not a church plan and thus the class is entitled to ERISA's protections,
- Advocate Health Care Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein, along with Keller Rohrback, is counsel to a class of defined benefit participants in Stapleton et al. v. Advocate Health Care Network and Facilities et al., which allege that the hospital's plan is not a church plan and thus the class is entitled to ERISA's protections. In district court, counsel succeeded in showing that only a church may establish a church plan and thus Advocate is not entitled to exemption from ERISA. Plaintiffs then prevailed in the Seventh Circuit, which affirmed the district court's holdings.
- U.S. Bancorp Pension Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is counsel to a class of pension plan participants alleging that the plan's managers engaged in a risky, imprudent investment strategy by investing 100% of its assets in stocks, thus causing the plan to lose more than \$1 billion during the collapse of the equities market in 2008. Ms. Yau developed the litigation and is overseeing all aspects of the litigation.

Ms. Yau has litigated the following case successfully:

- Merrill Lynch ERISA Litigation: Cohen Milstein served as interim co-lead counsel in a class action alleging that fiduciaries of the Merrill Lynch retirement plans imprudently purchased and held inflated Merrill employer stock for the retirement accounts of the Companies' employees. The litigation was resolved for \$75 million. Ms. Yau was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- Madoff Ponzi Scheme Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented a multi-plan class of participants, beneficiaries and fiduciaries in re Beacon Assoc. Litig. The \$219 million settlement in 2013 represented 70% of the Class members' out-of-pocket losses. Ms. Yau was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- Weyerhaeuser Pension Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit alleging that the Weyerhaeuser Company caused its Defined Benefit Retirement Plans to engage in a risky investment strategy involving alternative investments and derivatives, causing the Plans' master trust to become underfunded. A settlement was reached for injunctive relief on behalf of Plans' participants and beneficiaries. Ms. Yau was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.

Ms. Yau received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 2003, where she was awarded several public interest fellowships, including the Heyman Fellowship for academic excellence and a demonstrated commitment to federal public service. Ms. Yau graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Virginia. Ms. Yau was also selected as an Echols Scholar and awarded the Student Council Scholarship for leadership, academic achievement and community service. Law360 named Ms. Yau a Rising Star Under 40.

George F. Farah

George F. Farah is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Antitrust and Human Rights practice groups. In this role, Mr. Farah represents consumers, farmers, unions and businesses that were injured by antitrust abuses in complex multi-district class action lawsuits.

He has experience in litigating all aspects of cases, from arguing motions in court to engaging in settlement negotiations to obtaining jury trial verdicts. In addition, Mr. Farah facilitates the development of new antitrust cases by investigating potential matters and securing clients to serve as class representatives.

Since joining the Firm in 2005, Mr. Farah has represented small businesses that were overcharged due to price-fixing conspiracies; unions and consumers in actions against pharmaceutical companies that thwarted generic competition; and farmers in lawsuits against processors that artificially depressed their wages. Mr. Farah has also advocated for victims of other tortious conduct. He represented the city of Milwaukee in a public nuisance case against lead paint manufacturers; survivors of the Holocaust in actions against companies who profited from Nazi-era slave labor; and political asylum applicants who were tortured in Nepal.

In addition to litigating, Mr. Farah has worked on electoral reform and income inequality issues. He founded the nonprofit Open Debates to improve the presidential debate process. He served as general counsel of The Living Wage Campaign to raise wages in Virginia. He reported on the harms of media concentration and the IMF's austerity programs at The Center for the Study of Responsive Law.

Currently, Mr. Farah is litigating the following notable matters:

- DairyAmerica Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in in Carlin v. Dairy America, Inc.(E.D. Cal.), accusing the largest marketer of nonfat dry milk in the U.S. and the California-based milk processing firm of inflating their profits at the expense of U.S. dairy farmers by misreporting data used by the U.S. government to set the price of raw milk. Mr. Farah is managing all aspects of the case. The case is ongoing.
- Treasury Securities Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that major banks and brokerages conspired to drive up futures prices for Treasury securities ahead of announced auctions and then colluded to deflate prices at auction. Mr. Farah is involved in all aspects of the case.
- In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a pay-for-delay litigation alleging that AstraZeneca PLC, the brand manufacturer of Nexium, paid generics manufacturers to delay the introduction of a generic version of the drug, thus harming consumers. The case is on appeal.
- In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation (N.D. Cal.): Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that Endo and Teikoku, the manufacturers of the Lidoderm pain patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. The case is ongoing.

Some of his successes include:

- OSB Antitrust Litigation: \$120 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a case alleging that the nine producers of oriented standard board conspired to reduce the supply of OSB so as to increase prices. Mr. Farah was involved in all aspects of the litigation.
- Hydrogen Peroxide Litigation: \$100 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in In re Hydrogen Peroxide Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.) representing a class of direct purchasers of hydrogen peroxide in alleging a price-rigging conspiracy by manufacturers. The U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals opinion in Hydrogen Peroxide has proved important in clarifying the role of expert testimony in Rule 23 analysis. Mr. Farah was engaged in all aspects of the litigation.
- Northeast Dairy Litigation: In Allen vs. Dairy Farmers of America (D. Vt.), Cohen Milstein serves as lead counsel for one of two certified subclasses of Northeast dairy farmers against Dairy Farmers of America and Dairy Marketing Services in a raw milk price-fixing case. Defendant Dean Foods Co. settled for \$30 million, and the Court has preliminarily approved a \$50 million settlement with DFA and DMS.
- Nepali Nurse Political Asylum Litigation (Pro Bono): Mr. Farah acted as lead counsel in successfully securing political asylum in the U.S. for a Nepali nurse who had been persecuted and tortured for her religious beliefs in Nepal.

Mr. Farah is the author of the book "No Debate: How the Republican and Democratic Parties Secretly Control the Presidential Debates" (Seven Stories Press). His articles on legal and electoral issues have appeared in The Washington Post, The Boston Globe, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Antitrust Magazine and other publications.

Mr. Farah has appeared on over 50 television programs to discuss political, electoral and legal matters, including Nightline, NOW with Bill Moyers, 20/20, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News, FOX and Friends, Lester Holt Live and CNN's Market Call. He has been interviewed on over 100 radio shows and has hosted numerous televised press conferences. He has given several talks on the political process and electoral reform issues at colleges and universities.

Mr. Farah attended Princeton University, graduating with a B.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and earned a J.D. at Harvard Law School. Mr. Farah was the recipient of a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship.

Kalpana Kotagal

Kalpana Kotagal is a Partner at Cohen Milstein, a member of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment practice group, and Chair of the firm's Hiring and Diversity Committee. Ms. Kotagal plays an active role in the investigation and development of new matters for the Civil Rights & Employment practice group.

Ms. Kotagal is co-author of the "Inclusion Rider," referenced by Oscar-winning actress Frances McDormand in her 2018 Best Actress acceptance speech. Ms. Kotagal is working on this project in collaboration with Dr. Stacy Smith of the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative and Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni of Pearl Street Films. Together they are working to help transform the hiring practices in the film and television industry. Ms. Kotagal is also currently serving as an advisor to noted filmmakers on a film addressing issues of gender pay disparities.

A noted public speaker, Ms. Kotagal is often called on to address issues of employment and civil rights law, class actions, mandatory arbitration, diversity in the workplace. She also speaks regularly to law students and new lawyers.

Currently, Ms. Kotagal represents female sales employees in a Title VII and Equal Pay Act case against one of the nation's largest jewelry chains in Jock, et al. v Sterling Jewelers Inc. Her clients have alleged a pattern of sex discrimination in compensation and promotions. Ms. Kotagal also represents former female sales employees in a putative class action against AT&T, alleging violations of the Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family Medical Leave Act in Hills, et al. v. AT&T Mobility Services LLC, as well as transgender beneficiaries of federal health insurance who have challenged the denial of transition-related care as discriminatory.

Among other notable cases, Ms. Kotagal played an instrumental role in representing Wal-Mart employees in the landmark Supreme Court case, Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., a case addressing the standards for class certification.

Ms. Kotagal's past successes include:

- Hill, et. al v. Donohue, United States Postal Service: Ms. Kotagal represented a class of disabled veteran job applicants, who alleged the U.S. Postal Service illegally required pre-offer medical inquiries during their application process. The case, which settled for \$9.58 million, resulted in USPS's agreeing to implement changes in its practices to prevent similar violations in the future.
- Aaron v. Pilgrim's Pride Corp.: Ms. Kotagal represented 8,000 workers in 11 states in a wage and hour lawsuit, in which the workers sought redress for unpaid overtime. The \$10 million settlement allowed class members to recover about 85% of the back pay owed them.
- Nurse Wages Matters: Cohen Milstein represented nurses in an antitrust case, contending that hospitals conspired to suppress and fix wages of nurses.

For her work on the Inclusion Rider and her other efforts in championing equity, diversity, and inclusion through her practice of law, Ms. Kotagal was selected as a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School (2018-2019), won the prestigious Chambers Women in Law: USA 2018, "Outstanding Contribution to the Community in Advancing Diversity" Award, and was selected by The National Law Journal as a finalist in its "Elite Women of the Plaintiffs Bar" competition in 2018. In 2017, Ms. Kotagal was also recognized by Law360 as a "Rising Star," an annual list recognizing lawyers under the age of 40 whose professional accomplishments transcend their age.

Ms. Kotagal is a member of the Advisory Board of the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative. She has also served as a member of the Center for Worklife Law's Working Group on Pregnancy Accommodation and the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA).

Ms. Kotagal brings to her litigation practice her experience as an organizer, having previously served as field organizer with Green Corps, a field director with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and as an advisor to a Congressional candidate in 2006. Ms. Kotagal also served as an honorary chair of the National Finance Committee of Young Lawyers for Obama in 2008. She currently chairs the governance committee of the Board of Directors of CISV USA, an international youth-empowerment and peace education organization with more than 20 chapters in the United States.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Betty Binns Fletcher of United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Kotagal attended Stanford University, where she was a Morris K. Udall Scholar and graduated with honors. She earned her J.D., cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a James Wilson Fellow. Ms. Kotagal was Articles Editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Sharon K. Robertson

Sharon Robertson is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Antitrust practice group. She Co-Chairs the firm's Professional Development and Mentoring Committee and serves on the firm's Diversity Committee.

Ms. Robertson has been recognized by Law360, Legal500, New York Law Journal, Benchmark Litigation, and Super Lawyers for her success in leading complex, multi-district antitrust litigation. In fact, The Legal 500 recognized her as a "Next Generation Lawyer" (2017 and 2018), an honor bestowed upon only 10 lawyers under 40 years old across the country, who are positioned to become leaders in their respective fields. Likewise, The New York Law Journal recognized her as a Rising Star (2018) – 1 of only 20 individuals selected to receive this honor, and Benchmark Litigation recognized her on its "40 & Under Hot List" (2018). Ms. Robertson has also been recognized by Law360 as one of a few female litigators to secure leadership roles in high-profile MDLs, such as *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation*, (March 16, 2017). In addition, Super Lawyers recognized Ms. Robertson as a "Rising Star" (2014-2016).

Ms. Robertson is spearheading the firm's efforts in cutting-edge and industry-defining pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust lawsuits, which allege that the defendant brand manufacturer entered into non-competition agreements with generic manufacturers in order to delay entry of lower-priced generic products. Ms. Robertson also heads up the firm's generic price-fixing cases, which allege that certain generic drug manufacturers conspired to inflate the prices of generic drug products. These cases come on the heels of a government investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice alleging similar conduct, which, while ongoing, has already resulted in indictments and guilty pleas.

In addition to leading complex MDLs, Ms. Robertson is an accomplished trial lawyer. She served as a trial team member in two of the largest antitrust cases tried to verdict, including *In re Urethanes Antitrust Litigation*, where the jury returned a \$400 million verdict, which was trebled by the Court, as required by antitrust law, to \$1.06 billion, resulting in the largest price-fixing verdict in U.S. history, as well as *In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation*, the first pharmaceutical antitrust case to go to trial following the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *FTC v. Actavis*, 570 U.S. 756 (2013).

Ms. Robertson represents End-Payor Plaintiffs in the following notable pay-for-delay pharmaceutical antitrust cases in which the firm serves as Co-Lead Counsel:

- *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs allege that Endo and Teikoku, manufacturers of the Lidoderm patch, paid Watson Pharmaceuticals to delay its generic launch. On March 20, 2018, Plaintiffs submitted

an unopposed \$104.75 million settlement for Court approval – more than 40% of Plaintiffs best-case damages estimate. This case was ranked by Law360 as “The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far” (July 7, 2017).

- In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation (D.N.J.): Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer, the manufacturer of the cholesterol drug Lipitor, the best-selling drug in pharmaceutical history, conspired with Ranbaxy, the generic manufacturer, to delay its introduction of a generic Lipitor product. On August 21, 2017, the Third Circuit handed a sweeping victory to Plaintiffs, reviving their antitrust claims. This case was ranked by Law360 as “The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far” (July 7, 2017).
- In re Loestrin Antitrust Litigation (D.R.I.): Plaintiffs allege that Warner Chilcott PLC and three others entered into an agreement to delay the introduction of a generic version of the contraceptive drug Loestrin. Following the First Circuit’s remand of the case for further proceedings, on August 21, 2017, the District Court, in an unsealed opinion, stated that Defendants must face multidistrict litigation. Discovery is currently ongoing.
- In addition, Ms. Robertson serves as a member of the executive committee in similar pay-for-delay cases in which Cohen Milstein plays a significant role in coordinating discovery, including: In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Pa.), In re ACTOS Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.) and In re Solodyn Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.). Ms. Robertson also represents direct purchaser plaintiffs in In re Intuniv Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.) and In re Ranbaxy Fraud Antitrust Litigation (D. Mass.).

Other significant, current cases in which Ms. Robertson has a leadership role:

- In re Blood Reagents Antitrust Litigation (E.D.Pa.): Plaintiffs allege that the two leading producers of blood reagents, Ortho–Clinical Diagnostics, Inc. and Immucor, Inc., conspired to raise prices on traditional blood reagents (TBRs). In September 2012, Immucor reached a settlement with Plaintiffs. On July 19, 2017 the Court denied in part Ortho’s Motion for Summary Judgement. This case is set for trial in June of 2018. Ms. Robertson is one of three Trial Counsel for the Direct Purchaser Class.

Ms. Robertson has successfully litigated the following notable matters:

- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein was Co-Lead Counsel in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of polyether polyols. Ms. Robertson played a leading role in helping obtain settlements with several defendants for \$139 million and was a member of the trial team that obtained a \$400 million jury verdict (trebled to more than \$1 billion), which was affirmed on appeal by the 10th Circuit. The case against Dow ultimately settled for \$835 million while Dow’s petition for certiorari was pending before the Supreme Court, bringing the total recovery to \$974 million – nearly 250% of the damages found by the jury.
- Albany and Detroit Nurses Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented registered nurses employed by hospitals in Albany and Detroit in class actions alleging a wage-fixing conspiracy. Ms. Robertson obtained settlements with five Albany Defendants totaling over \$14 million. In the Detroit case, Ms. Robertson helped obtain \$98 million in settlements with eight Defendants.
- Indonesian Villagers Litigation: Ms. Robertson represented Indonesian villagers in a lawsuit against Exxon Mobil over torture and extrajudicial killings allegedly committed by the Defendant’s security forces (a unit of the Indonesian military).

Ms. Robertson is an active member of the Executive Committee for the Antitrust Section of the New York State Bar Association.

While attending law school, Ms. Robertson was an intern in the Litigation Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Additionally, while in law school, Ms. Robertson was selected as an Alexander Fellow and spent a semester serving as a full-time Judicial Intern to the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Robertson graduated from State University of New York at Binghamton, magna cum laude with a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Law. She earned her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she served as Notes Editor of the Cardozo Public Law, Policy and Ethics Journal.

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Robertson worked on the campaign committee of Councilman John Liu, the first Asian American to be elected to New York City's City Council.

S. Douglas Bunch

S. Douglas Bunch is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Mr. Bunch represents individual and institutional investors in securities and shareholder class actions. His work and path-breaking legal arguments in precedent-setting cases, such as *In re Harman International Industries, Inc. Securities Litigation*, have earned him numerous accolades, including being named one of Law360's Rising Stars (2017), honoring lawyers under the age of 40 whose professional accomplishments transcend their age.

Mr. Bunch has played a leading role in the following securities class actions:

- *Harman International Industries, Inc. Securities Litigation*: Cohen Milstein obtained a precedent-setting ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, reversing the dismissal of the case by the lower court, protecting investors by limiting the scope of protection afforded by the so-called "safe-harbor" for forward-looking statements in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.
- *ITT Educational Services, Inc. Securities Litigation*: Cohen Milstein achieved a \$16.96 million settlement against ITT and two of its officers. The case was hotly contested and involved unraveling complex accounting treatments governing ITT's transactions with third-party lenders, whereby the third parties agreed to assume liability for student loan defaults up to a particular threshold. The case settled during discovery after the parties had reviewed and analyzed over two million pages of documents, after depositions had been taken, while class certification briefing was ongoing.
- *Plumbers & Pipefitters National Pension Fund v. Orthofix International N.V.*: Cohen Milstein reached an \$11 million settlement against this medical device company headquartered in Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, despite significant logistical obstacles during investigation and discovery. Much of the information relevant to the case—including internal company documents and witness testimony—were in six foreign languages, and located in nine different countries on four different continents.
- *Rubin v. MF Global, Ltd.*: Cohen Milstein achieved a significant \$90 million settlement in this precedent-setting case, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit sided with the plaintiffs and held that companies cannot make false or misleading statements in their offering documents, and then hide behind associated risk disclosures in an attempt to escape liability. The National Law Journal named Cohen Milstein to its Plaintiffs' Hot List for its achievement.
- *MBS Litigation*: Cohen Milstein is a legal pioneer in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) litigation, having negotiated some of the largest and most significant MBS settlements in history and achieved more than \$2.5 billion in investor recoveries. Mr. Bunch played a key role in these cases, particularly those against Residential Accredited Loans, Inc. (RALI) (\$335 million settlement), Harborview Mortgage Loan Trusts (\$275 million settlement), and Bear Stearns & Co. Inc. (\$500 million settlement).

Mr. Bunch is currently involved the following notable cases:

- *Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation*: On January 4, 2018, Cohen Milstein was appointed Interim Co-Lead Class Counsel to consolidate and oversee a series of putative toxic tort class actions filed against E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company and The Chemours Company in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North

Carolina, Southern Division. These consolidated cases allege that for more than four decades, DuPont and Chemours polluted the Cape Fear River near Wilmington, North Carolina, with a chemical called GenX; contaminated the water supply in five North Carolina counties; and misrepresented the company's conduct to state and federal regulators, all while knowing that GenX was carcinogenic. Plaintiffs allege extensive property damage and personal injury as a result of defendants' actions.

- *Nieves v. Performance Sports Group Ltd.*: Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel in this high-profile, putative securities class action involving PSG's failure to disclose that its purported financial success was not based on sustainable, "organic" growth as represented, but was driven by the company's manipulative and coercive sale practices, which included pulling orders forward to earlier quarters and pressuring customers to increase their orders without regard for market demand. The SEC and Canadian authorities subsequently initiated investigations, and PSG filed for bankruptcy.
- *Schwartz v. Opus Bank*: Cohen Milstein is Lead Counsel in this putative securities class action, alleging that certain directors and officers of this commercial bank misled investors by portraying an image of a disciplined and conservative approach to credit, underwriting, and credit controls. In March 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California granted preliminary approval of a \$17 million settlement, and a hearing on final approval of the settlement is currently scheduled for July 2018.

In recognition of his legal achievements, Mr. Bunch was named a Law360 Rising Star (2017), recognizing outstanding lawyers under the age of 40. Mr. Bunch has also been annually recognized by Washington, DC Super Lawyers (2014-18).

Mr. Bunch is co-founder and chairman of Global Playground, Inc., a nonprofit that builds schools and other educational infrastructure in the developing world, and serves or has served on the boards of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Ascanius: The Youth Classics Institute, and Virginia21. In 2016, the Governor of Virginia appointed Mr. Bunch to the Board of Visitors of the College of William & Mary.

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Bunch graduated with a B.A., summa cum laude, from the College of William & Mary, earned an Ed. M. from Harvard University, and received his J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where he was a recipient of the Benjamin Rush Medal in 2006. In 2011, he was awarded William & Mary's inaugural W. Taylor Reveley III award, recognizing alumni who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to public service.

Laura Alexander

Laura Alexander is a Partner in the Antitrust practice at Cohen Milstein. Ms. Alexander has extensive litigation and trial experience in complex antitrust litigation, including class actions, as well as individual claims.

Ms. Alexander is a former defense litigator, and brings to bear unique strategic insight from representing both plaintiffs and defendants. She has litigated and tried cases before state and federal courts, administrative agencies, arbitration panels, as well as appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

She specializes in large scale antitrust disputes involving highly sophisticated entities and complex anticompetitive schemes. At trial, Ms. Alexander takes leading roles, including conducting witness and expert cross-examinations and delivering opening and closing statements.

Currently, Ms. Alexander is litigating the following notable matters:

- *Ideker Farms, et al. v. the United States of America*: Cohen Milstein represents Ideker Farms and more than 350 additional plaintiffs located in six states along the Missouri River in this landmark mass action in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims alleging that the federal government took land and flooding easements over lands owned by farmers, violating the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment. Ms. Alexander has been involved in all aspects of

the litigation, including cross-examining key witnesses at trial, and presenting portions of the opening and closing statements. In March 2018, after a four-month trial, the Court ruled largely in favor of plaintiffs on liability and causation. Bellwether trials continue. The Court will next determine the extent of the losses due to the taking.

- Sutter Health Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a monopolization case alleging Sutter Health, one of the largest hospital chains in Northern California, has used anticompetitive contract terms and contracting practices to drive out competition and raise prices to self-insured employers to supracompetitive levels. Ms. Alexander has been involved in all aspects of the litigation. Trial is set for June 2019.
- Big Oak Farms, Inc. v. the United States of America: Cohen Milstein represents farmers along the Mississippi River in a Fifth Amendment takings case alleging that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intentionally flooded plaintiffs' land, without providing just compensation. Ms. Alexander has been involved in all aspects of the litigation.

Ms. Alexander's past successes include:

- Urethanes (Polyether Polyols) Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel for direct purchaser plaintiffs in an antitrust class action alleging a nationwide conspiracy to fix the prices of chemicals used to make polyurethane foam. Four defendants—Bayer, BASF, Huntsman, and Lyondell—settled for a total of \$139.5 million, while the case against the fifth manufacturer, Dow Chemical, went to trial. After a four-week jury trial, the jury returned a \$400 million verdict for the plaintiffs, which the district court trebled under federal antitrust law to more than \$1 billion. Ms. Alexander was a member of the trial team and had significant brief writing and witness preparation responsibilities. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit affirmed the judgment, and the parties subsequently settled.

Ms. Alexander also maintains an active pro bono docket, including:

- Fannie Mae v. Fausto Amaya: In 2015, Ms. Alexander successfully defended a first-generation immigrant and his family from having their home foreclosed-upon. She successfully negotiated a new mortgage at terms that allowed the defendant to keep his equity in his property and allowed four generations of the Amaya family to stay in their home.
- Since 2014, Ms. Alexander has been annually recognized as a Super Lawyers' "Washington, DC Rising Star," (2014 - 2018).

Ms. Alexander has authored or co-authored a number of scholarly articles, including "Prominent Market Definition Issues in Pharmaceutical Antitrust Cases," published in the Fall 2015 issue of Antitrust, an American Bar Association publication. Her 2007 Georgetown University Law Center note, "Monopsony and the Consumer Harm Standard," The Georgetown Law Journal, continues to be a sought-after treatise, as the growth of technology combined with increased consolidation among buyers has led to increased focus on the potential harms from buyer power.

Ms. Alexander served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge M. Margaret McKeown on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Alexander attended Reed College, earning a B.A. in Mathematics, and earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center.

Emmy Levens

Emmy L. Levens, a Partner in the Firm's Washington, D.C. office, is a member of the Antitrust Practice Group. With nearly a decade of experience, Ms. Levens has particular expertise in complex antitrust litigation, class actions, and appellate litigation. Ms. Levens plays a central role in helping the antitrust group evaluate potential cases and chairs the Firm's Summer Associate Committee.

Currently, Ms. Levens is litigating the following notable matters:

- Flint Water Crisis: Ms. Levens represents a group of residents and businesses in Flint, Michigan, in a suit for damages sustained as a result of their exposure to toxic levels of lead and other bacteria. This important case is ongoing in the Eastern District of Michigan.
- Resistors Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as interim co-lead counsel in a proposed class action accusing the world's largest manufacturers of resistors of fixing prices. As a critical member of the team of lawyers representing the proposed class of direct purchasers, Ms. Levens has been involved in every aspect of the case from investigation to prosecution of the class's case which is currently ongoing in the Northern District of California.
- Truck Transmissions Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel in a putative class action alleging Eaton – the largest manufacturer of Class 8 Transmissions in the United States – conspired with manufacturers of Class 8 Trucks to exclude a rival transmission manufacturer from the market. Ms. Levens has played an important role on the case from the beginning and has recently returned to the case to assist with the appeal.
- Northeast Dairy: In *Allen vs. Dairy Farmers of America* (D. Vt.), Cohen Milstein serves as lead counsel for one of two subclasses of dairy farmers challenging anticompetitive conduct in the Northeast which resulted in lower prices paid to farmers. Ms. Levens has served as one of the principle attorneys litigating this matter since its inception. To date, the case has recovered a historic settlement with former defendant Dean Foods Company and another settlement for \$50 million in addition to industry- changing equitable relief has recently been preliminarily approved by the Court.

Some of her past successes include:

- Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein served as co-lead counsel for plaintiffs alleging that the two largest manufacturers of IVIG and Albumin – life-saving therapies derived from blood plasma – conspired to reduce the supply, and increase the prices, of these therapies. Ms. Levens played an active role in the litigation, helping to obtain settlements totaling \$128 million for hospitals and other direct purchasers.
- Bulk Bleach Litigation: Ms. Levens served as one of the key attorneys at Cohen Milstein representing a class of municipalities and other direct purchasers of bulk bleach in a case alleging that the two dominant manufacturers of bulk bleach in the Carolina's engaged in an illegal market allocation agreement. After successfully defeating multiple motions to dismiss, class counsel obtained a settlement that satisfied nearly all of the class's damages. In approving the settlement, Judge Gergel complimented counsel, stating that the, "whole case has been, I think, very professionally handled, skillfully handled."
- Asylum Appeal: Ms. Levens agreed to represent pro bono a Nepalese woman after her initial application for asylum was denied. The woman had previously advocated for democratic reforms in Nepal but was forced to leave her home country to escape Communist militias. Ms. Levens appealed the matter through two rounds of briefing to the Board of Immigration Appeals and up to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. After successfully obtaining a new asylum hearing for her client, Ms. Levens negotiated an agreement that allowed her client to remain safely in the United States.

Ms. Levens was also a member of the Apple price-fixing litigation team recognized as "Legal Lions" by Law360. In addition to her work at the Firm, Ms. Levens has served as an adjunct Professor at Georgetown School of Law and is a Board member and Secretary of Global Playground, a nonprofit that builds schools in the developing world. She recently co-authored an article entitled, "Heightened Ascertainability Requirement Disregards Rule 23's Plain Language," which appeared in the Spring, 2016 issue of Antitrust magazine.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Levens worked as a staff law clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Ms. Levens attended the University of Kansas, graduating with honors, and earned her J.D. at UCLA Law School, graduating Order of the Coif. While at law school, Ms. Levens served as the Managing Editor for the UCLA Journal of Environmental Law and Policy, Director of the Downtown Legal Housing Clinic, and President of Moot Court.

Laura H. Posner

Laura H. Posner is a Partner at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection and Ethics & Fiduciary Counseling practice groups.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Posner was appointed by the New Jersey Attorney General to serve as the Bureau Chief for the New Jersey Bureau of Securities – the top Securities Regulator in New Jersey. In that capacity, Ms. Posner was responsible for administering and enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Securities Law and regulations thereunder, as well as managing and overseeing the employees who staff the Bureau of Securities. Cases prosecuted under Ms. Posner's direction as Bureau Chief resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in recoveries for New Jersey residents, as well as more than 20 criminal convictions.

Ms. Posner is currently involved in the following notable matters:

- *Tradex Global v. McGladrey & Pullen LLP, et al.*: A putative class action lawsuit against a major accounting firm for its alleged fraud and negligence arising out of one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history. Final approval of a \$27.5 million settlement is anticipated in August 2018.
- *New York State Common Retirement Fund, et al. v. Stephen A. Wynn, et al.*: A derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd. for their failure to hold Mr. Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of Wynn employees.
- *Mylan N.V. Securities Litigation*: A putative securities class action against Mylan N.V. and certain of its officers, alleging that Mylan engaged in a years-long pattern of deceiving shareholders about the true nature of its EpiPen and generic drugs businesses.
- *Miller Energy/KPMG*: A putative securities class action alleging that KPMG conducted sham audits of Miller Energy Resources, Inc., grossly inflating the value of Miller Energy's oil & gas assets, and enabling Miller Energy to perpetuate a years-long fraud that ultimately resulted in Miller Energy's bankruptcy, as well as SEC charges.

Ms. Posner has recovered billions on behalf of defrauded investors. Her notable successes include:

- *In re Schering-Plough Corp./ENHANCE Securities Litigation* and *In re Merck & Co., Inc. Vytarin/Zetia Securities Litigation*: Obtained \$688 million for investors on the eve of trial, the third largest recovery ever achieved in the Third Circuit and District of New Jersey, the second largest securities fraud settlement ever against a pharmaceutical company and among the top 25 securities fraud settlements of all time.
- *In re The Mills Corporation Securities Litigation*: Obtained \$202.75 million for investors, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Virginia, and the second largest recovery ever in the Fourth Circuit.
- *In re WellCare Health Plans, Inc. Securities Litigation*: Obtained \$200 million for investors, the largest recovery ever achieved in a securities class action in Florida, and the second largest recovery in the Eleventh Circuit.

Ms. Posner has also been involved in several derivative cases, including the *In re Walt Disney Co. Derivative Litigation*, which redefined the fiduciary duties of corporate directors and officers.

Ms. Posner is the former Chairwoman of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) Enforcement Section Committee, and previously served on NASAA's Multi-Jurisdictional Action Committee, Technology Committee and State Legislation Committee. She also has served as a member of multiple committees of the

Association of the Bar of the City of New York, including currently serving as a member of the Securities Litigation Committee, and previously serving as a member of the Securities Regulation and Consumer Affairs Committees.

Ms. Posner has regularly been named by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star and a Top Woman Attorney, was named to Benchmark Litigation's 2018 40 & Under Hot List, and received NASAA's 2017 Outstanding Service Award.

Ms. Posner frequently speaks at conferences throughout the country, including for events sponsored by PIABA, FINRA, SIFMA, NASAA, SEC, the New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia Bar Associations and the ABA. Ms. Posner has been quoted in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Star-Ledger, NewJersey.com, Asbury Park Press, the New Jersey Herald, and The Record, and interviews with her appear on various cable news channels and in various publications.

Ms. Posner is also a prolific writer. Some of her recent publications include: "Report on the Possible Impact of Halliburton II on Securities Class Action Litigation," New York City Bar Association's Committee on Securities Litigation's Fraud-on-the-Market Subcommittee (2017); and "'Novel Issues' or a Return to Core Principles? Analyzing the Common Link Between the Chancery Court's Recent Rulings in Option Backdating and Transactional Cases," NYU Journal of Law & Business (Spring 2008).

Ms. Posner graduated with a B.A. in Political Science, magna cum laude, from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001. She received her law degree at Harvard Law School in 2004, where she served on the Executive Editorial Committee for the Harvard Women's Law Journal.

Attorney Profiles – Of Counsel & Associates

Christopher Bateman

Christopher Bateman is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group. In this role, Mr. Bateman represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Bateman is currently working on the following high-profile matters:

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel and represents the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and other proposed buy-side investor class members in this ground breaking putative antitrust class action against numerous Wall Street investment banks. Plaintiffs allege that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from inflated bid/ask spreads.
- Stock Lending Litigation: Cohen Milstein and co-counsel filed a putative class action on August 17, 2017 in the Southern District of New York on behalf of Iowa Public Employees Retirement System and other investors, alleging collusion among six of the world's largest investment banks to prevent modernization of the \$1.7 trillion stock loan market. Plaintiffs allege that Bank of America, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and UBS conspired to overcharge investors and maintain the power they hold over the stock loan market, obstructing multiple efforts to create competitive electronic exchanges and enhance price transparency that would benefit both stock lenders and borrowers.
- In re Lipitor Antitrust Litigation: Plaintiffs allege that Pfizer, the manufacturer of the cholesterol drug Lipitor, the best-selling drug in pharmaceutical history, conspired with Ranbaxy, the generic manufacturer, to delay its introduction of a generic Lipitor product. On August 21, 2017, the Third Circuit handed a sweeping victory to Plaintiffs, reviving their antitrust claims. This case was ranked by Law360 as "The Biggest Competition Cases Of 2017 So Far" (July 7, 2017).

Before joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Bateman was a law clerk for the Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before that, he was a litigation attorney at a distinguished global law firm, where he worked with clients in the financial services and energy sectors.

Mr. Bateman received his B.A., cum laude, High Honors, from Dartmouth College, where he was a Rufus Choate Scholar. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he received Dean's Scholar awards in Civil Procedure and in Federal Courts and the Federal System. While in law school, Mr. Bateman was an Article Selection Editor for the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review. He is the co-author of "Toward Greener FERC Regulation of the Power Industry," 38 Harvard Environmental Law Review 275 (2014).

While attending law school, Mr. Bateman was a legal intern at the Environmental Defense Fund.

Before law school, Mr. Bateman was an editorial associate at Vanity Fair for several years, where he wrote about politics, civil rights, culture, and environmental issues, and edited feature articles.

Eric Berelovich

Eric Berelovich is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Berelovich was a law clerk to the Honorable William S. Duffey, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. Prior to that, Mr. Berelovich was a litigation associate at a prestigious global defense law firm, where he focused on securities litigation and patent infringement matters.

Mr. Berelovich received his B.A., with distinction, from the University of Virginia. He received his J.D., with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Berelovich was a member of the Texas Law Review and the Texas Journal on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights. He also assisted asylum seekers through the law school's Immigration Clinic.

Mr. Berelovich is proficient in Russian.

Luke Bierman

Luke Bierman is Of Counsel to Cohen Milstein, and adviser to the Firm's Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling and Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice groups. Mr. Bierman's role is to counsel pension funds and public entities on fiduciary, ethics, governance and compliance issues. He joined Cohen Milstein in 2011, bringing with him a singular perspective and substantive experience as in-house counsel to one of the leading pension funds in the country, appointments to state task forces to review the state code of judicial ethics and professionalism, and a scholarly and academic background as the Dean and Professor of Law at a rising law school that President Bill Clinton has called "interesting and innovative." His experience provides him with a unique context for assisting public pension funds at critical and challenging times for those funds, and to offer collaborative and creative solutions.

Mr. Bierman served from 2007 to 2010 as General Counsel for the Office of the New York State Comptroller, the sole trustee of the state's then \$150 billion pension fund and the state's chief fiscal officer for the state of New York's then \$130 billion budget. This was during the period when the Office of the Comptroller faced unprecedented challenges including an international placement agent scandal and the Great Financial Crisis, and Mr. Bierman led the review of policies and procedures in the Office. In this role, Mr. Bierman managed a legal staff that included 55 attorneys, and was responsible for legal advice and counsel on all matters relating to the comptroller's constitutional and statutory responsibilities, including fiduciary, governance, ethics, litigation, investment, pension benefits, state and municipal finance and legislative matters. He also managed the 35 outside law firms that represented the Comptroller in litigation and transactional matters.

Mr. Bierman is a noted expert on legal ethics and professionalism, who has spoken and written widely about state courts and judicial conduct. He currently serves as a member of the North Carolina Commission on Administration of Law and Justice and on the North Carolina Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. He was a member of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which was assigned to review and suggest updates to the Court. He served on the ABA Presidential Task Force on Financing Legal Education and the ABA Presidential Task Force on Legal Access JobCorps. While working at the American Bar Association, Mr. Bierman initiated the project that resulted in revisions to the Model Code of Judicial Conduct (2007), which many states have since adopted.

Mr. Bierman is the Dean and Professor of Law at Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina, an innovative law school that blends the most important traditional elements of legal education with highly experiential learning in the nation's first 2½ year JD program. Previously, Mr. Bierman was the Associate Dean for Experiential Education and Distinguished Professor of Practice of Law at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, where he was responsible for Northeastern's Cooperative Legal Education Program.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Bierman served as a Fellow in Government Law and Policy at Albany Law School. He also has served as Director of the Institute for Emerging Issues at North Carolina State University, where he held the rank of Associate Professor of Political Science; as Founding Director of the Justice Center and Special Assistant to the President of the American Bar Association; as Visiting Specialist in Constitutional Law with the rank of Associate Professor at The

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; and as law clerk to the Presiding Justice and an Associate Justice as well as Chief Attorney of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department. Mr. Bierman also has taught at Northwestern University School of Law, the University at Albany and Trinity College in Hartford.

Mr. Bierman is widely published for his legal analysis and is a frequent lecturer and commentator about corporate governance reform, fiduciary responsibility and ethics and justice reform. He was a member of the board of directors of the Council of Institutional Investors, where he co-chaired the policies committee.

Mr. Bierman earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from the University at Albany; his J.D. from the Marshall Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary, where he was a member of the Law Review; and his B.A. in American Political History magna cum laude with High Honors from Colgate University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Mary J. Bortscheller

Mary J. Bortscheller is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Firm's Employee Benefits Practice Group. In that role, Ms. Bortscheller represents the interests of employees, retirees, and plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases in the district court and on appeal. Ms. Bortscheller is a strong, hands-on, strategic litigator, thoroughly versed in the complexities of ERISA law.

At present, Ms. Bortscheller is engaged in litigating a number of so-called "church plan" lawsuits. These cutting-edge legal cases assert that many non-profit health care systems in the United States wrongfully claim their benefit plans are exempt from ERISA regulation under the church plan exemption. Currently, Cohen Milstein serves as lead or co-lead counsel in 12 separate cases in various jurisdictions throughout the U.S.

Ms. Bortscheller is currently litigating the following matters:

- Trinity Health Corporation Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in Lann v. Trinity Health Corp., a lawsuit alleging that Trinity is violating numerous provisions of ERISA while wrongfully claiming that its defined benefit pension plan is exempt from ERISA because it is a church plan. Ms. Bortscheller is Lead Associate in the case, engaged in all aspects of the litigation including motions practice, discovery, the mediation process and finalizing the settlement. The case is ongoing.
- Catholic Health East Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-counsel in Chavies v. Catholic Health East, alleging that the health care system wrongfully claims its defined benefit pension plan is exempt from ERISA as a church plan. As the Lead Associate on this case, Ms. Bortscheller works on all aspects of the lawsuit, including fact and expert discovery, the mediation process and in finalizing the settlement. The case is ongoing.
- U.S. Bancorp Pension Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel to an interim class of pension plan participants alleging that the plan's managers engaged in a risky, imprudent investment strategy by investing almost 100% of its assets in stocks, thus causing the plan to lose more than \$1 billion during the collapse of the equities market in 2008. As Lead Associate on the case, Ms. Bortscheller is involved in all aspects of the litigation, including the initial case investigation and drafting of the complaint, motions practice, discovery and the appellate process. The case is ongoing.

In addition to her ERISA case work, Ms. Bortscheller represents, pro bono, unaccompanied minor clients in immigration proceedings. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2013, Ms. Bortscheller practiced at a boutique commercial litigation firm based in Chicago, where she represented plaintiffs in antitrust and qui tam matters, as well as defendants in general commercial litigation.

Ms. Bortscheller graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A., cum laude, in Political Science, and received her J.D., cum laude, from American University, Washington College of Law. During law school, she served as Features Editor

and Senior Editor of Sustainable Development Law & Policy and was a staff member of the American University International Law Review. Ms. Bortscheller served as a judicial intern with the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Before attending law school, Ms. Bortscheller served in the United States Peace Corps teaching English as a foreign language in Sichuan Province, China. Following law school, she was a volunteer for the Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.'s Foreclosure Defense Project.

Brian E. Bowcut

Brian E. Bowcut is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Public Client practice group. Mr. Bowcut represents state Attorneys General and other public-sector clients as outside counsel in investigations and lawsuits involving fraudulent and deceptive trade practices. Mr. Bowcut, who joined the firm in 2015, brings with him deep experience representing the federal government in complex litigation and in enforcement investigations. In his role as a senior lawyer in the Public Client group, he brings this experience to bear in false claims and consumer fraud enforcement at the state and local levels.

Mr. Bowcut's recent representations include:

- Opioids Crisis Litigation & Investigation: Representing New Jersey in its consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance lawsuit against Purdue Pharma; representing Indiana in its investigation of all actors contributing to the opioid crisis, including pharmaceutical manufacturers and opioid distributors. Mr. Bowcut has been instrumental in formulating strategy, developing legal theories, and building the cases' factual underpinnings.
- Nursing Homes: Representing the State of New Mexico in litigation related to Medicaid fraud and deceptive marketing by skilled nursing facilities that promised, but failed to provide, basic care to their elderly residents. In 2016, Mr. Bowcut briefed and successfully argued the defendants' motion to dismiss the case.
- Energy Drinks: Representing the Hawaii Office of Consumer Protection in litigation against Living Essentials, Inc., the creator of 5-Hour ENERGY, for misrepresenting the benefits of its so-called "liquid energy shot." Mr. Bowcut is preparing this case for trial, which is set to begin in September 2018.

Mr. Bowcut formerly was a Trial Attorney and Senior Trial Counsel in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice for nine years. Most recently, as a member of the Fraud Section, he investigated and litigated fraud across an array of government programs, from Medicare fraud by nursing facilities, hospices and medical device makers to schemes involving federal mortgage, foreign aid, and TARP funds. Before that, as a member of the Environmental Torts Section, he defended the United States as lead counsel in large-scale tort litigation. Prior to joining DOJ, Mr. Bowcut practiced at a preeminent national law firm, where he specialized in pharmaceutical product liability, and commercial litigation. He has argued cases in numerous federal district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Mr. Bowcut attended Utah State University, graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in Journalism and Political Science. He earned his J.D. from Duke Law School, graduating cum laude and Order of the Coif, and also earned an M.A. in Public Policy from Duke. During law school, Mr. Bowcut was an Articles Editor for the Duke Law Journal. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Stanley S. Brotman of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Molly J. Bowen

Molly J. Bowen is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice group. Ms. Bowen's practice focuses on the representation of state Attorneys General and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving health care fraud as well as other fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Bowen practiced at a leading firm in Miami, litigating False Claims Act claims, antitrust and securities class actions, and legal malpractice claims. She also was a law clerk to the Honorable Karen Nelson Moore of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Ms. Bowen graduated magna cum laude from Macalester College with a B.A. in Geography in 2007. She earned her J.D., summa cum laude, from Washington University School of Law in 2013, where she was a member of the Appellate Clinic and served as the Articles Editor for the Washington University Law Review. Additionally, during law school, Ms. Bowen externed at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) legal department and at the American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri.

Jamie Bowers

Jamie Bowers is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Firm's Employee Benefits Practice Group. In her role, Ms. Bowers represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases across the country.

Ms. Bowers is currently litigating the following matters:

- T. Rowe Price 401(k) Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is litigating a case against T. Rowe Price, where plaintiffs allege that T. Rowe Price included their proprietary funds in their plan that charged higher fees than other competitor funds and also underperformed those funds, to the detriment of participants. Ms. Bowers is actively involved in all aspects of the litigation, and the case is ongoing.
- St. Anthony's Medical Center Church Plan Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a case against St. Anthony's Medical Center. The plaintiffs allege that St. Anthony's is violating numerous provisions of ERISA by wrongfully claiming that its defined benefit pension plan is exempt from ERISA because it is a church plan. Ms. Bowers is actively involved in all aspects of the litigation, and the case is ongoing.
- Cape Fear River Contaminated Water Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel in this litigation, overseeing a series of five putative toxic tort class actions filed against E.I. DuPont de Nemours Company and The Chemours Company in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, Southern Division.

In addition to her ERISA case work, Ms. Bowers has represented clients in disability proceedings pro bono.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Bowers served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Gary R. Jones at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, Gainesville Division. In this role she dealt with a variety of issues arising under federal law, including initial criminal appearances, plea changes, writs of habeas corpus, prisoner litigation, employment litigation, personal injury litigation, civil rights litigation, mass torts litigation, social security disability, and various matters under the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure.

Ms. Bowers attended Duke University, graduating with a B.A. in Environmental Science in 2011. She earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2014. During law school, Ms. Bowers served on the Executive Board as the Administrative Editor of the Georgetown Environmental Law Review.

Ms. Bowers is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the Florida Bar.

Robert A. Braun

Robert A. Braun is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group.

Mr. Braun focuses on representing businesses and individuals in class actions and antitrust litigation. He is also experienced in international claims litigation, including representing the victims of state-sponsored terrorism in suits amounting to nearly \$1 billion in judgments.

Currently, Mr. Braun is litigating the following notable matters:

- **Resistors Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein serves as Interim Co-Lead Counsel in a proposed direct purchaser class action accusing the world's largest manufacturers of resistors of fixing prices. Mr. Braun was a primary drafter of the class's briefs successfully opposing dismissal and has taken a leading role in deposition and document discovery.
- **Iran Beirut Bombing Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is representing the victims and family members of victims in the 1983 Beirut Marine Barracks bombing, the deadliest act of terrorism against Americans prior to September 11, 2001. Mr. Braun manages all aspects of this litigation, which has resulted in judgments amounting to more than \$942 million against the government of Iran.
- **LIBOR (Exchange-Traded Class):** Cohen Milstein represents investors of Eurodollar futures injured by manipulation of LIBOR by the world's largest banks in a class action under the Commodity Exchange Act and antitrust laws.
- **Cast Iron Soil Pipe & Fittings Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represents a putative class of direct purchaser plaintiffs against the two largest soil pipe and fittings manufacturers in the country and the trade association they control in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants engaged in a nationwide price-fixing conspiracy. Following the completion of extensive fact discovery, Mr. Braun and his colleagues obtained a \$30 million settlement, which was approved in 2017.
- **Ductile Iron Pipe Fittings Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein, as Co-Lead Counsel, represents a class of direct purchaser plaintiffs in a price-fixing case against the three largest manufacturers of ductile iron pipe fittings and a monopolization case against the largest (McWane) for excluding competition in the domestic ductile iron pipe fittings market. Settlements of greater than \$17 million have been reached with all defendants.
- **Iraq Hostage Spouses Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is representing the spouses of 30 Americans held hostage by former Iraq President Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War in 1990. After toppling Saddam Hussein's regime, the United States settled the hostage spouses' legal claims with Iraq, but has refused to compensate the hostage spouses out of the resulting settlement fund. Cohen Milstein alleges that these actions by the United States are a taking without just compensation in violation of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
- **Inmate Calling Services Provider Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is on the Executive Committee in several nationwide class action lawsuits alleging that the providers of inmate calling services have charged inmates and their families unjust and unreasonable rates in violation of the Federal Communications Act and various state laws.

Mr. Braun also maintains an active pro bono practice. He is currently a member of the legal teams in *Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Washington v. Trump* and *District of Columbia v. Trump*, which seek to enjoin President Trump's unconstitutional receipt of emoluments on behalf of restaurant and hotel plaintiffs and the Attorneys General of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Braun served as a law clerk for the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from 2013-2014, and for the Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. He was also an Arthur Liman Fellow at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, where he worked on public interest housing litigation.

Mr. Braun earned his J.D. at Yale Law School and attended Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude. During law school, Mr. Braun was an editor of the *Yale Journal of International Law* and a member of the mock trial team.

Stephen Buckingham

Stephen Buckingham is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Public Client practice group. Mr. Buckingham's practice focuses on the representation of state Attorneys General and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving false claims and fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Mr. Buckingham's recent representations include:

- **Opioids Crisis Litigation & Investigation:** Representing New Jersey in its consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance lawsuit against Purdue Pharma; representing Indiana in its investigation of all actors contributing to the opioid crisis, including pharmaceutical manufacturers and opioid distributors.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2017, Mr. Buckingham served as a Trial Attorney and as the Special Counsel for Complex Litigation in the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In these roles, Mr. Buckingham represented the United States as lead counsel in dozens of civil matters in federal district court in cases involving constitutional and statutory challenges to federal statutes and regulations. He also provided advice and assistance to Executive Branch agencies on a variety of federal programs, including the creation and imposition of U.S. economic and trade sanctions. Mr. Buckingham has represented cabinet officials in subpoena enforcement matters, has handled all aspects of civil discovery, and has defended the Executive Office of the President and a variety of Executive agencies in lawsuits involving access to federal records.

Mr. Buckingham also worked with the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, as counsel to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Counselor for International Affairs.

Following law school, Mr. Buckingham served as a Law Clerk for the Honorable William M. Nickerson, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Mr. Buckingham received his B.A. from Georgetown University, and earned his J.D. cum laude, from Temple University, James E. Beasley School of Law, where he was also the Managing Editor of the Temple Law Review.

Prior to law school, Mr. Buckingham worked with the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program in Philadelphia, PA, where he directed legal outreach services for indigent individuals, coordinated a low-income tax clinic, and created a program to amend the immigration status of unaccompanied Sudanese refugee minors.

Mr. Buckingham is admitted to practice in the State of Maryland, but is not currently admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia. He practices under the supervision of Partners of the Firm.

Alice Buttrick

Alice Buttrick is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2018, Ms. Buttrick clerked for the Honorable Gerard E. Lynch of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as well as the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Ms. Buttrick attended Yale University and earned her B.A., cum laude. She earned her J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. While a law student, Ms. Buttrick served on the Board of Student Advisers and as President of the Harvard Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She also assisted low-income borrowers through the law school's Consumer Protection and Predatory Lending clinic and co-founded the Harvard Law School Feminist Collective.

Prior to law school, Ms. Buttrick worked for a law firm in London.

Stacy N. Cammarano

Stacy N. Cammarano is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment practice group. Ms. Cammarano's practice focuses on representing employees in Title VII, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and other discrimination and retaliation claims.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2018, Ms. Cammarano was an employment litigation associate at a well-regarded Washington, D.C.-based whistleblower and employment litigation boutique. Prior to that she was a law clerk for Senior Judge David Briones of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Immediately following law school, Ms. Cammarano was a legal researcher for the Open Society Justice Initiative and later the Managing Director for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice.

Ms. Cammarano has authored and co-authored several articles, including "No Justice for Those Harassed by Judges," The Washington Post, May 9, 2018, "Whose Right and Who's Right? The US Supreme Court v. The European Court of Human Rights on Corporate Exercise of Religion," Boston University International Law Journal, Vol. 34, Pg. 1 (2016) (with Ioana Cismas), and "I Beg Your Pardon: Maintaining the Absolute Ban on Torture through the Presidential Pardon," National Lawyers Guild Review, Vol. 69, Pg. 197 (2012).

Ms. Cammarano received her B.A., with High Distinction, from the University of Michigan. She received the Sidney J. and Irene Shipman Scholarship and the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize for academic achievement. She received her J.D. from the University of Texas Law, where she was Staff Editor and Submissions Director of the Texas Journal of Women and the Law. She was a Rapoport Center Human Rights Scholar and the recipient of the University of Texas School of Law Dean's Scholarship.

Jay Chaudhuri

Mr. Chaudhuri has spent his career fighting for and working on behalf of the people of North Carolina. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Chaudhuri served as General Counsel & Senior Policy Advisor at the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, the sole trustee of the state's \$90 billion pension fund and administrator of the \$8 billion defined contribution plan.

Mr. Chaudhuri oversaw all legal and corporate governance matters. In his role, he recovered more than \$100 million for the pension and unclaimed property funds, including settlements with a real estate investment manager and custodian bank. He played a key role in uncovering alleged wrongdoing that led to eight investment managers paying the pension fund back \$15 million and tougher, cutting-edge ethical standards for these managers.

Mr. Chaudhuri also helped organize a coalition of 11 public pension funds against Massey Energy's Board of Directors and Chairman, after a coal-mining explosion resulted in the death of 29 workers. That engagement resulted in key corporate governance changes and the Chairman's resignation. Today, the coalition's engagement is cited as a model of collaboration among shareholder rights advocates. In addition, Mr. Chaudhuri worked closely with the Harvard Shareholder Rights Project where the Department helped declassify twenty corporate boards, including Stanley Black & Decker, Hess, Lexmark, Foot Locker, and Jarden Corporation. Mr. Chaudhuri served as Chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, an association of the pension funds with combined assets of more than \$3 trillion which serves as the leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights. As Chair, he led the development and adoption of the organization's long-term strategic plan.

Before joining the Department of State Treasurer, Mr. Chaudhuri served as Special Counsel at the North Carolina Department of Justice, where he lead an investigation by all 50 Attorneys General that resulted in a landmark agreement with two leading social networking sites to better protect children from Internet predators. For his efforts, the National Association of Attorneys General honored him with the Marvin Award, given to an individual who furthers that association's goals.

The North Carolina Bar Association has awarded Mr. Chaudhuri its Citizen Lawyers Award, given to lawyers who provide exemplary service to the communities. Lawyers Weekly has also honored him with its Leader in the Law award. In addition, he has been awarded the William C. Friday Fellowship, Henry Toll Fellowship, and American Marshall Memorial Fellowship.

Mr. Chaudhuri currently serves in the North Carolina State Senate representing parts of Raleigh, Cary, and Morrisville. As one of the newest state senators, he serves on the Commerce, Pension & Retirements and Aging, Judiciary II, State and Local Government, and Appropriations on General Government committees. Mr. Chaudhuri has co-sponsored a bill to repeal House Bill 2, a bill critics have referred to as the most anti-LGBT legislation in the country. He is the first South Asian American to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mr. Chaudhuri graduated from Davidson College, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and North Carolina Central University School of Law (cum laude), where he was executive editor of the Law Journal.

Robert W. Cobbs

Robert W. Cobbs is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Antitrust practice group.

Currently, Mr. Cobbs is litigating the following notable matters:

- Anadarko Basin Oil and Gas Lease Antitrust Litigation: Co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in class actions alleging that Chesapeake Energy, SandRidge Energy and a former executive of both companies conspired to rig bids for leases of land held by private landowners in parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. This litigation follows the U.S. Department of Justice's early 2016 indictment of a co-founder and former CEO of Chesapeake Energy for allegedly participating in this bid-rigging conspiracy. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants illegally conspired to stabilize and depress the price of royalty and bonus payments paid to landowners in the Anadarko Basin oil and gas province — a massive geological formation holding natural gas and oil deposits that includes large parts of Oklahoma and Kansas. Pursuant to this conspiracy, Plaintiffs allege that Defendants communicated about and agreed on prices, allocated particular geographic areas between themselves, and rigged bids for leases of land, lowering acquisition prices across the region and thereby harming the proposed class of landowners.
- Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as co-lead counsel in In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation (S.D.N.Y.), representing the Public School Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund of Chicago and a proposed buy-side investor class against numerous Wall Street investment banks. The class alleges that the defendants conspired to prevent class members from trading IRS on modern electronic trading platforms and from trading with each other, all to protect the banks' trading profits from inflated bid/ask spreads.
- Stock Lending Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein serves as co-counsel in an antitrust class action alleging that major investment banks conspired to prevent the stock lending market from evolving by boycotting and interfering with various platforms and services designed to increase transparency and reduce costs in the stock lending market.
- Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Cobbs clerked for the Hon. Pierre N. Leval, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and for the Hon. J. Rodney Gilstrap, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Mr. Cobbs graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in English and Russian, magna cum laude with distinction, and received his J.D. from Yale Law School. During law school, he served as a Notes Editor of the Yale Law Journal and as a Submissions Editor of the Yale Journal on Regulation.

Shaylyn Cochran

Shaylyn Cochran is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment Practice Group. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Cochran was a Relman Civil Rights Fellow, litigating federal fair housing and employment discrimination matters.

Ms. Cochran represents female employees alleging sexual discrimination against one of the nation's largest jewelry chains in *Jock, et al. v. Sterling Jewelers Inc.*, a nationwide Title VII gender discrimination and Equal Pay Act case currently being litigated in arbitration. In *Jock*, the arbitrator recently certified a class estimated to include 44,000 current and former female retail sales associates, working at Sterling stores throughout the country, who have pay and promotions discrimination claims against the company. Ms. Cochran also is involved in a series of cases in Chicago alleging a pattern of race discrimination against African-American laborers, in which temporary staffing agencies and the client companies that they service have engaged in a practice of excluding African Americans from temporary laborer positions throughout the metropolitan area.

In addition to litigating several employment discrimination cases, Ms. Cochran also is part of the team representing the Equal Rights Center in *Equal Rights Center v. Equity Residential*, a federal fair housing lawsuit challenging Equity Residential's nationwide pattern or practice of designing and constructing multi-family housing complexes in violation of the accessibility requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act. The action challenges FHA violations at 300 Equity Residential properties and seeks relief to ensure that Equity Residential's properties are accessible to people with disabilities and to enforce the standards of the FHA.

Ms. Cochran earned her B.S. and B.A. from Ohio University, graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she received the Dean's Award for Community Leadership. While a law student, Ms. Cochran served as a litigation intern at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the Disability Rights Section at the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. For two years during law school, Ms. Cochran also was a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, where she represented indigent clients on family law matters. She also served as president of the Harvard Black Law Students Association.

Arthur E. Coia

Arthur E. Coia is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and is a member of the Securities Fraud/Investor Protection Practice Group. In that role, Mr. Coia works to keep clients, many of which are Taft-Hartley pension plans, informed of potential fraud and corporate governance issues within their investments so they are able to consider appropriate action in a timely manner.

Prior to joining the Firm in 2013, Mr. Coia spent more than 20 years in the investment advisory business. He was President of an asset management company for 10 years, where he oversaw the management of more than \$4 billion in assets. Earlier in his career, Mr. Coia worked as a Portfolio Manager and Securities Analyst for a well-respected trust company and other independent "buy side" advisors. Because of his prior role as a fiduciary in managing benefit fund assets, Mr. Coia understands how important it is for such funds to recover all assets to which they are legally entitled, and to take timely corporate governance actions where appropriate. Mr. Coia uses his unique combination of investment experience and legal knowledge to raise client awareness of instances where they have been defrauded of assets and helps them with the recovery process.

Mr. Coia earned a B.S. in Finance from Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, and received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

Brian Corman

Brian Corman is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Civil Rights & Employment practice group. Mr. Corman's practice focuses on litigating civil rights, employment discrimination, and wage and hours cases. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. Corman was an Associate in the Litigation group at a top-tier defendants' firm. There, he focused on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act internal investigations for Fortune 500 clients, as well as pro bono cases in federal district court and before the Supreme Court.

Currently, Mr. Corman is litigating a number of notable matters. He is involved in all aspects of litigation, including fact discovery, depositions and motions practice, on behalf of hundreds of Gentiva health care workers filing suit for unpaid overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act. He represents Walmart workers in multiple federal district and appellate court cases alleging discriminatory pay and promotions practices in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. He also represents low-income minority renters in the Village of Mastic Beach who were evicted from their homes in violation of federal, state and local fair housing and civil rights laws.

Following law school, Mr. Corman clerked for the Honorable Harry Pregerson of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He then participated in a D.C. Bar Association Pro Bono Fellowship at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, working on education, voting rights and fair housing cases.

Mr. Corman earned his law degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, where he was an editor of the California Law Review, a member of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Team, co-chaired the Berkeley Law Expulsion Clinic, and externed for the Honorable William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Mr. Corman received his B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, in Political Science from Columbia University School of General Studies. Mr. Corman was a professional ballet dancer for eight years, performing with the Houston Ballet and Washington Ballet, among other companies.

Alison Deich

Alison Deich is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group. In this role, Ms. Deich represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Deich clerked for the Honorable Cornelia Pillard of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She also clerked for the Honorable Katherine Polk Failla of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, as well as the Honorable Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court.

Ms. Deich received her B.A. from the University of Virginia, where she graduated with highest distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, and received several honors, including the Lewis M. Hammond Award. Ms. Deich received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she graduated magna cum laude and won the Ames moot court competition.

Prior to law school, Ms. Deich helped draft research papers for various non-profit organizations.

Michael Dolce

Michael Dolce is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Catastrophic Injury practice group. Mr. Dolce, who joined the firm in 2015, is a highly regarded trial lawyer and political activist who has dedicated his career to seeking justice for the victims of abuse. His practice focuses specifically on the victims of sexual abuse, sex crimes and domestic violence. He is a champion of children, representing child victims as well as adult survivors of child sex abuse who bear

scars and injuries into adulthood. It is an experience he understands on a personal and visceral level: Having himself been the victim of sexual abuse as a young boy at the hands of a sadistic predator, he arose from the trauma determined to be a voice for others and secure justice for them.

Mr. Dolce brings to his work the insight of a survivor who is determined to use his understanding and ability to communicate exactly what crime and injury victims go through, and what they need in their difficult and courageous healing processes. Among his noted work, in 2009, he achieved a jury verdict on behalf of a child abuse victim, totaling over \$19.2 million, that was named by "Verdict Search" one of the top 100 verdicts nationwide that year.

In 2010, Mr. Dolce's six-year crusade in Florida's legislature culminated in the passage of sweeping legislation that repealed all statutes of limitation for civil and criminal prosecution of child sexual battery, overcoming a powerful and well-financed opposition. That victory was fueled by Mr. Dolce's testimony numerous times before legislative committees, which one major newspaper reported left senators "captivated" and "spellbound." His effort was supported by a grassroots organization of some 200 survivors that he led as the chair of the political committee, Protect Our Kids First, Inc., a campaign he formed to amend the state's Constitution on Election Day. His precedent-setting strategy worked to compel the Legislature to ensure that never again will a child in Florida be turned away from any civil or criminal court due to the passage of time. And no predator can ever again take comfort in the ticking of a clock after threatening a child into silence.

Mr. Dolce's work has gained him national recognition with awards from both fellow attorneys and crime victim advocates, including the National Center for Victims of Crime, the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence and the Florida Justice Association. Mr. Dolce is a sought-after speaker, having addressed conferences of many of the largest child abuse survivor organizations in the world, including the Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests. Recently, he was invited to join the Sexual Violence Focus Group of the Office of the Florida State Courts Administrator; the group will work over the next year on several sexual violence projects, including updating the Florida Sexual Violence Bench Book and developing a strategic plan for sexual violence projects. His work has been cited across the nation by law professors and judges, including the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Mr. Dolce graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, from Lynn University and received his J.D. from Stetson University.

Currently, Mr. Dolce is litigating the following notable matters:

- Jane Doe v. Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches: Mr. Dolce represents a teenaged sex abuse victim who was abused in a residential childcare facility by an adult resident of the facility. This civil suit against the facility follows a successful criminal prosecution of the abuser, asserting that the facility failed to maintain proper child safety procedures and policies.
- Rose, Fitzsimons and Davis v. The Devereux Foundation, Inc.: Mr. Dolce represents adult survivors in three related lawsuits, asserting child physical and sexual abuse at a licensed therapeutic group home perpetrated by several staff members.
- Jane Doe v. Seagate Hotel and Spa: Mr. Dolce represents an adult in this action against a resort hotel asserting that she was sexually assaulted by a massage therapist. The suit alleges that the hotel negligently hired the therapist who had been discharged just two months earlier by his prior employer for similarly sexually assaulting a guest.
- Harris v. William Degray: Mr. Dolce represents an adult survivor of domestic violence who suffered substantial physical and mental health injuries, including Battered Woman Syndrome.

Some of his past successes include:

- Jane Doe vs. Tim Crowe: Mr. Dolce represented a child sex abuse survivor in a direct action against the perpetrator, resulting in a \$19.2 million compensatory damage verdict, named one of the Top 100 verdicts nationwide in 2009 by The National Law Journal/Verdict Search.
- Hollins v. Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc.: Mr. Dolce represented an adult survivor of child sexual abuse against his former church (Jehovah's Witnesses), resulting in a confidential settlement.
- A.S.W. v. Happy House, Inc.: Mr. Dolce represented a pre-school child against a day care center in a child-on-child sex abuse case, resulting in a confidential settlement.
- Jane Doe v. James Byrne and Linda Byrne: Mr. Dolce represented a mentally disabled child in an action against a neighbor who sexually abused her over a two-year period and against the abuser's wife, on a theory that she failed to protect the child after finding evidence of ongoing abuse. The jury awarded damages of \$3.5 million, ordering both defendants to pay.

Suzanne Dugan

Suzanne M. Dugan is Special Counsel to Cohen Milstein and leads the firm's Ethics & Fiduciary Counseling practice, a practice she helped found within the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Ms. Dugan joined Cohen Milstein after more than 20 years of service in government, including as Special Counsel for Ethics for the Office of the New York State Comptroller, and as counsel to and acting director of the New York State Ethics Commission. Her service and experience in government offer the broad and unique perspective of a regulator and the understanding of an in-house counsel.

Ms. Dugan brings her experience gained from having served as ethics counsel to the third largest public pension fund in the country to advise and counsel pension fund trustees and senior managers on issues and challenges, providing collaborative and creative solutions for pension funds as they navigate changing economic challenges and organizational requirements.

From this unique vantage, Ms. Dugan counsels pension funds on fiduciary responsibility, ethical duties, strategic governance and compliance issues. She consults with governmental entities and other clients on design, implementation, management and assessment of comprehensive ethics programs. She also assists in conducting investigations and structuring recommendations, and provides expert legal and consulting services to law firms retained to conduct special reviews, providing an additional layer of oversight and accountability.

Ms. Dugan has worked with public pension fund and municipal government clients in the following capacities:

- Service as Fiduciary Counsel, Ethics Counsel, and Compliance Counsel to public pension plans from coast to coast, including some of the largest institutional investors in the country.
- Providing ethics and fiduciary training to boards of trustees, designing and delivering educational programs for sophisticated public pension plans and government entities.
- Outside Ethics Officer to municipalities across the country, evaluating and investigating complaints of unethical conduct, providing objective and independent guidance, and working to ensure a culture of ethical leadership.
- Ms. Dugan serves on the Fiduciary and Plan Governance Steering Committee of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, a professional organization dedicated to providing legal educational opportunities and informational resources to its member attorneys. Ms. Dugan also is an active member of the Council on Government Ethics Laws, an international organization dedicated to issues involving governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, lobby laws and freedom of information. She is a member of the Hearing Officer panel for the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

Ms. Dugan is a frequent lecturer at conferences and forums addressing ethics and fiduciary issues in the public and nonprofit sectors, including pension funds, bringing with her an understanding of ethical issues born out of practical

experience as well as scholarly pursuits. She has served as an adjunct professor, teaching a course on Government Ethics, and writes frequently on ethics, fiduciary responsibilities of pension trustees and the role of pension fund attorneys. In 2014, Ms. Dugan won the Burton Award, the country's most prestigious legal writing award run in association with the Library of Congress, for her Bloomberg BNA article, "Ethics and Fiduciary Issues for Public Pension Plans: Lessons Learned".

Ms. Dugan is also an active member of her community. She is currently an elected Trustee of her local public library. In addition, she serves as a member of the Governance Committee of a Planned Parenthood affiliate, following many years of service on the Board of Directors. She also previously served as the pro bono legal director of a not-for-profit in the Albany area.

Ms. Dugan is an elected member of the American Law Institute, where she is a member of the Consultative Group on Government Ethics.

Ms. Dugan began her career as a judicial clerk with the Appellate Division, Third Department, of the New York State Supreme Court. She graduated magna cum laude from Siena College and earned her J.D. cum laude from Albany Law School of Union University.

Courtney Elgart

Courtney Elgart is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2018, Ms. Elgart clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge Richard Andrews, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

Ms. Elgart received her B.A. from Clark University, and she received her J.D., magna cum laude and Order of the Coif, from Georgetown University Law Center. While at Georgetown, Ms. Elgart was active in the Supreme Court Institute, the Barristers' Council moot court team, and the Appellate Litigation Clinic, where she successfully represented a habeas petitioner in appealing a procedural dismissal of his petition and briefed another habeas case before the en banc Fourth Circuit. Ms. Elgart was also a Public Interest Fellow at Georgetown.

Prior to law school, Ms. Elgart worked in state government and on electoral campaigns.

Ms. Elgart is not yet admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. She works under the direct supervision of attorneys at the firm who are admitted to the District of Columbia Bar.

Donna M. Evans

Donna M. Evans is Of Counsel in Cohen Milstein's Antitrust practice group. Ms. Evans has been practicing law for more than 25 years, with much of that time spent as a civil litigation partner at global law firms.

Ms. Evans has broad and substantial experience as a civil trial attorney representing a diverse and wide range of U.S. and international clients, including class plaintiffs, individuals and corporations in the biomedical, pharmaceutical, financial, telecommunications, publishing and construction industries, and also litigating intellectual property, First Amendment and probate disputes. Ms. Evans' pharmaceutical and biomedical experience includes representation of end-payor plaintiffs, prescription drug manufacturers, biomedical device companies and inventors, private medical consulting services and global pharmaceutical companies in antitrust, IP and other civil disputes. Currently, Ms. Evans represents third-party payors and end consumers in antitrust cases including: *In re Nexium Antitrust Litigation* (D. Mass.) and *In re Lidoderm Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.) Her experience also includes mediations, arbitrations and appellate work.

Ms. Evans' experience includes:

- Representation of biomedical company in patent portfolio development.
- Representation of multinational pharmaceutical company in dispute concerning drug manufacturing and sale.
- Representation of end-payor plaintiffs in antitrust class action pay-for-delay litigation.
- Representation of drug distributor plaintiff in antitrust class action related to monopolization of market and delay of generic competition.
- Representation of international biomedical-device company regarding intellectual property rights.
- Representation of private medical advising company in contractual and regulatory matters.
- Representation of Canadian business in patent infringement lawsuit involving open-celled foam backer rods.
- Representation of plaintiff in breach of contract litigation resulting in one of the largest plaintiff jury verdicts in Massachusetts Superior Court.
- Representation of plaintiffs, large institutional and multinational bond portfolio management companies, in litigation involving RICO and fraud claims.

Ms. Evans has written articles on topics including the federal mail fraud statute and construction pay-when-paid contract clauses, and she authored a chapter in *Inside the Minds*, addressing best practices in client relationships. She taught legal writing at Boston University Law School for six years, has guest lectured at Duke University and the University of North Carolina law schools, and – prior to practicing law – she taught English at the University of North Carolina and was a Visiting Lecturer in English at North Carolina State University.

Throughout her career, Ms. Evans has been deeply involved in the issue of equality. She served on the Honorable U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Gertner's Equality Commission, the Boston Bar Association's Diversity and Attorney Attrition Standing Committee, and the BBA's Task Force on Professional Challenges and Family Needs. Ms. Evans participated in writing a ground-breaking BBA report addressing the costs of attorney attrition, *Facing the Grail: Confronting the Cost of Work-Family Imbalance*, as well as implementing the report's recommendations in Boston law firms. Ms. Evans has also served on the Board of Directors of Greater Boston Legal Services and the Advisory Board of The Commonwealth Institute, an organization providing professional support to businesswomen, and has been active in pro bono representation, including fair housing issues.

Ms. Evans graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. in English and Political Science, and an M.A. in English. She received a J.D., cum laude, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School, where she served as a Board Member and Notes and Comments Editor of the *North Carolina Law Review*.

Adam Farra

Adam Farra is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group, where he represents institutional investors, individuals, businesses, and public entities in securities fraud cases, RICO cases, antitrust cases, shareholder derivative and corporate governance disputes, and other complex commercial cases.

Mr. Farra is currently litigating the following notable cases:

- *In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litigation*: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in this putative class action against 11 Wall Street banks that are alleged to have colluded with one another to crush competition in the trillion-dollar market for interest rate swaps, a type of financial derivative. The case is in active discovery.
- *In re Credit Suisse Group AG Securities Litigation*: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in this putative securities fraud class action against Credit Suisse Group AG and certain of its executives for making material

misrepresentations regarding Credit Suisse's trading and risk limits, and subsequent accumulation of billions of dollars in extremely risky, highly illiquid distressed debt and collateralized loan obligations.

- *Nieves v. Performance Sports Group Ltd., et al.*: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in this putative securities fraud class action involving PSG's failure to disclose that its growth was driven by the Company's manipulative and coercive sales practices, which included pulling orders forward from future quarters to meet business targets and forcing customers to increase their orders without regard for market demand. The SEC and Canadian authorities subsequently initiated investigations, and PSG has since filed for bankruptcy.

Some of Mr. Farra's successes include the following:

- *Tradex Global v. McGladrey & Pullen LLP, et al.*: Cohen Milstein represents investors in a putative class action lawsuit against a major accounting firm for its alleged fraud and negligence arising out of a Ponzi scheme perpetrated by Thomas Petters and his co-conspirators, one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history. The \$27.5 million settlement was preliminarily approved by the court in April 2018.

Mr. Farra maintains an active pro bono practice, and has served as lead appellate counsel in several precedent-setting pro bono cases. His cases include the following:

- *Brennan M. Gilmore v. Alexander E. Jones, et al.*: Representing a national group of 14 law professors, Mr. Farra authored an amicus curiae brief in support of plaintiff Brennan Gilmore in a high-profile defamation lawsuit in federal court in Virginia against Alex Jones, his company and YouTube show Infowars, and other defendants. In preparing the brief, Mr. Farra and Cohen Milstein worked with Gilmore's counsel, the Georgetown Civil Rights Clinic and the Constitutional Accountability Center.
- *Scinto v. Stansberry, et al.*, 841 F.3d 219 (4th Cir. 2016): Mr. Farra successfully argued before a federal appeals court that there was adequate evidence that federal prison officials violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment when they denied his client, a former inmate, certain medical care.
- *Fontanez v. O'Brien*, 80 F.3d 84 (4th Cir. 2015): Mr. Farra persuaded a federal appeals court to reverse the dismissal of his client's habeas petition, creating a new jurisdictional precedent in the Fourth Circuit for inmates challenging the conditions of their confinement.

Mr. Farra also has an appointment as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland School of Law, where he teaches a seminar in constitutional law. Mr. Farra writes and comments on the topics of securities and class action litigation, constitutional issues, as well as appellate matters. Recent articles include, "Trump, Pro-Gun Groups Headed for SCOTUS Duel?", Bloomberg BNA, August 9, 2017; "Enter Judge Pamela Harris," Maryland Appellate Blog, February 2017; and "Apollo Settlement Highlights Vulnerabilities Faced by Private Equity Investors," Shareholder Advocate, November 2016.

Mr. Farra received his J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law, from which he graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif. He clerked for Judge Peter J. Messitte on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and for Judge Andre M. Davis on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Susan M. Greenwood

As an attorney in the New York office, Susan M. Greenwood is a member of Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection Practice Group. With extensive experience in the area of securities law and class action litigation, Ms. Greenwood analyzes and evaluates securities litigation case opportunities.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Greenwood was a Securities Law Specialist at Bloomberg Law, providing analysis of trends and developments in securities litigation, regulation and enforcement and serving as the editor of the Bloomberg Law Securities Litigation and Enforcement Report. She also has served as counsel at a prominent insurance company and two large litigation firms.

Ms. Greenwood attended Cornell University, graduating cum laude with Distinction, and earned her J.D. at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

D. Michael Hancock

D. Michael Hancock is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Civil Rights & Employment practice group.

Mr. Hancock is the former Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Wage and Hour Division. As a senior DOL employee for 20 years, conducting policy-related work, including policy interpretation and enforcement, he helped enforce a wide range of workplace protections, from minimum wage, overtime, child labor and the Family Medical Leave Act, to guest worker and other employment-based immigration programs. Most recently, as Acting Director, DOL's Division of Interpretation and Regulatory Analysis, and as Assistant Administrator for Policy, Mr. Hancock managed a team of 40 senior managers and analysts and worked with, among others, the Solicitor of Labor, the Secretary of Labor, the Office of Management and Budget, and the White House.

At the DOL, Mr. Hancock also served as Branch Chief, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Interpretations and Regulatory Analysis, and as National Farm Labor Coordinator, Wage and Hour Division. While on detail from the DOL, he served as Senior Labor Advisor to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he provided guidance to the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Democracy and Governance, on a broad range of labor, civil society, democracy and development programs funded and administrated by USAID.

Prior to joining the DOL in 1995, Mr. Hancock was the Executive Director of Farmworker Justice, where he helped provide policy support to farmworker organizations, labor unions, migrant legal services programs, administrative and legislative bodies, and other organizations. Before that, he was General Counsel of the National Coalition to Ban Handguns and President of the Foundation for Handgun Education. He also served as Executive Director of the Aviation Consumer Action Project.

Mr. Hancock was awarded a fellowship from Howard University — the Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship, Ozark Legal Services, Fayetteville, Arkansas — to practice poverty law in rural Arkansas, and was a law clerk at Ozark Legal Services. He also worked as an administrator and social worker with the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Mr. Hancock received his B.S. from Oklahoma State University, and his J.D., with honors, from the University of Arkansas, where he was appointed to the Arkansas Law Review.

Elizabeth C. Guarnieri

Elizabeth C. Guarnieri is a Senior Attorney in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group, and a member of the Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling Practice. Ms. Guarnieri serves as the firm's Director of Investor Services. In this role, she leads the firm's portfolio monitoring and damage calculation process and oversees client reports. She is an integral member of the Securities Case Evaluation Team, which analyzes new and potential securities actions.

In addition, Ms. Guarnieri led the Cohen Milstein team in developing the firm's proprietary portfolio monitoring and damage calculation system, COMPAS (Cohen Milstein Portfolio Assessment System). She also oversaw the rollout of the COMPAS client self-service portal which provides clients with web access to monitoring information as well as historical portfolio monitoring reports.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Guarnieri spent nearly 10 years as a securities and antitrust litigator. Working at two prominent plaintiffs' class action law firms in San Francisco, she represented individual and institutional investor clients in individual, class action and shareholder derivative securities litigation. Her decade of working on behalf of institutional

investors has provided her with an experience and insight that she brings to her role as Director and in her fiduciary and ethics counseling practice. Working with clients who have hired Cohen Milstein for fiduciary or ethics counseling, Ms. Guarnieri has undertaken a variety of projects — from researching and preparing presentations on fiduciary and ethics issues to assisting with the revision of an ethics code for a large county client.

In addition to her litigation experience, Ms. Guarnieri also worked as a legal analyst with Bloomberg L.P., regularly contributing articles to Bloomberg's Antitrust and Trade Law Reporter. She is the co-author of *The Misapplication of American Pipe Tolling Principles*, ABA Securities Litigation Journal, (Volume 21, Number 2, Winter 2011).

In her pro bono work, Ms. Guarnieri was one of a coalition of counsel that represented plaintiffs who sued Chevron for egregious injuries related to the company's oil production in Nigeria. She also served on the Board at the Meiklejohn Institute for Civil Liberties, an organization dedicated to developing innovative ways of using human rights law to promote equality and protect the disadvantaged.

Ms. Guarnieri attended Rider University, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science, and earned her J.D. at Rutgers School of Law.

Sally Handmaker Guido

Sally Handmaker Guido is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group. She is also a member of the firm's eDiscovery and Summer Associate committees.

Ms. Handmaker Guido litigates class actions to enforce consumer rights under federal and state laws, in particular issues related data privacy, false advertising, breach of warranty and other types of deceptive business practices, as well as defective products.

Previously a Litigation Associate at a top-tier defense firm, Ms. Handmaker Guido brings unique perspective and relevant complex litigation experience to her work, including experience in antitrust, securities, sports, intellectual property, and employment litigation.

Ms. Handmaker Guido is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Equifax, Inc., Customer Data Security Breach Litigation: On September 8, 2017, Cohen Milstein filed a class action against Equifax, a leading credit-reporting company that safeguards some of the most sensitive financial and personal information of over 143 million individuals across the United States, for its failure to inform the public of a massive data breach and theft of client data. Cohen Milstein was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee on the consumer side of the litigation and is Co-Chair of the Expert Committee.
- In re Apple Inc. Device Performance Litigation: On January 9, 2018, Cohen Milstein and co-counsel, filed a putative nationwide class action against Apple Inc., on behalf of owners of Apple's iPhone SE, 6, 6 Plus, 6s, 6s Plus, 7, and 7 Plus, for unfair and deceptive business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200 and making material misrepresentations and failing to disclose material information related to Apple's iOS software operating system updates for Apple iPhones. Cohen Milstein was appointed to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and is Co-Chair of the Expert Committee.
- Infante v. Luxottica Retail North America (LensCrafters): Cohen Milstein represents a putative class of purchasers of LensCrafters' Accufit Digital Measurement System (Accufit) services, who allege that LensCrafters used false, misleading advertising and deceptive sales practices about Accufit being "five times more accurate" in measuring pupillary distance than traditional methods, to induce customers to purchase LensCrafter's higher-priced prescription lens products. Ms. Handmaker Guido is Lead Associate in this litigation.

Some of her past successes include:

- In re Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Products Marketing, Sales Practices and Product Liabilities Litigation: Ms. Handmaker Guido is Lead Associate in this class action against Lumber Liquidators alleging that the company falsely labeled its products as meeting or exceeding California Air Resource Board Emission standards with regard to the level of formaldehyde, a carcinogen, contained therein. In June 2018, the Court preliminarily approved a \$36 million settlement.
- In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation: Cohen Milstein is Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of a putative class of approximately 80 million insureds involving the massive data breach of Anthem, Inc. in 2015, one of the nation's largest for-profit health care companies, resulting in the theft of personal and health information. In August 2017, the Court preliminarily approved a \$115 million settlement, which, if finally approved, will be the largest data breach settlement in history. Ms. Handmaker Guido was involved in all aspects of the litigation.
- In re Home Depot, Inc. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation: Cohen Milstein is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this class action and chair of the Expert Committee, representing financial institutions that issued more than 56 million debit and credit cards to Home Depot patrons. The case arose out of the 2014 Home Depot data breach that affected hundreds of financial institutions and more than 40 million consumers. In September 2017, the Court granted final approval of a \$25 million settlement.
- In re Vizio, Inc., Consumer Privacy Litigation: Cohen Milstein is a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this closely-watched data privacy class action alleging that Vizio Smart TVs contain a default feature that tracks what viewers watch and then matches this information with other information collected about the customers, allowing Vizio to sell personal information about its customers to third parties for profit without adequately disclosing such collection and dissemination of data. The Court largely denied two rounds of Vizio motions to dismiss, sustaining novel and ground-breaking claims under the Video Privacy Protection Act and the Wiretap Act. Ms. Handmaker Guido was responsible for drafting significant portions of Plaintiffs' opposition to these motions and, in particular, the briefing related to the Wiretap Act claims. She was also closely involved in the discovery process. A potential settlement has been reached in this matter.

Ms. Handmaker Guido maintains an active pro bono practice involving notable matters, such as:

- Vivian Englund v. World Pawn Exchange, LLC: Representing the estate of a Kristen Gates, who was shot to death by a mentally ill man, Jeffrey Boyce, who came into possession of the firearm through his mother, Diane Boyce, a straw purchaser, who illegally purchased the firearm and other firearms over the internet from two firearms distributors in violation of federal and Oregon state laws. Injunctive relief to halt all online gun sales in Oregon is sought.

She has also been recognized for her pro bono work with the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law's Voting Rights Project.

Ms. Handmaker Guido is a member of The Sedona Conference, specifically Working Group 1: Electronic Document Retention & Production, and Working Group 11: Data Security and Privacy Liability. She is also an active member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), having published several articles for AAJ publications, including "Ethical Concerns and Suggested Approaches to Ghostwritten Class Action Objections," AAJ Class Action Litigation Group Newsletter (Summer 2018), and "Good Counsel: Using Conjoint Analysis to Calculate Damages," AAJ Trial Magazine (June 2018).

Ms. Handmaker Guido attended the University of Southern California, graduating summa cum laude with a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in Political Science. Her undergraduate honors thesis, "'How Did You Feel?': Increasing Child Sexual Abuse Witnesses' Production of Evaluative Information," was published in the American Psychological Association's Law and Human Behavior journal.

Ms. Handmaker Guido received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. While in law school, she served as an intern at the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division focusing on cases involving child sexual abuse. She also

served on the board of The Virginia Innocence Project, the University of Virginia's arm of the national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system. Ms. Handmaker Guido also participated in the University of Virginia School of Law's Moot Court program and served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Law & Politics.

Johanna M. Hickman

Johanna M. Hickman is an Of Counsel at the Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice group. In this position, Ms. Hickman represents state Attorneys General and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving health care fraud and other fraudulent and deceptive trade practices. Previously, she assisted in litigation by a state attorney general regarding the robo-signing of mortgage foreclosure documents. In addition, she has worked on a number of confidential investigations.

Currently Ms. Hickman is representing public clients in the following high-profile matters:

- **Nursing Homes:** Representing attorneys general in investigations and litigation related to deceptive marketing by several nursing home chains that promised, but failed to provide, basic care to their elderly residents. She is involved in all aspects of the investigations and litigation, including conducting and analyzing the results of investigations, developing legal theories, conducting fact and expert discovery and writing briefs.

Ms. Hickman serves on the adjunct faculty of the Georgetown University Law Center, where she teaches a course in advanced legal writing and practice. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2013, Ms. Hickman practiced at a leading defendants' firm, where she advised clients regarding environmental and toxic tort liability, negotiated the environmental aspects of corporate transactions, and represented clients in complex insurance coverage litigation. Prior to that, Ms. Hickman clerked for two years for the Honorable James I. Cohn of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Ms. Hickman graduated with Highest Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication. Ms. Hickman earned her J.D., cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center. She served as a Law Fellow, a Global Teaching Fellow, and a Staff Member and Symposium Editor of the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. As a member of Georgetown's Barristers' Council, she was a finalist in Georgetown's 35th Annual Leahy Moot Court Competition, and her team won the Award for Best Brief Overall at the 2005 Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition.

Anita F. Hill

Anita F. Hill is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Firm's Civil Rights & Employment Practice Group. In that role, she advises on class action workplace discrimination cases. Ms. Hill, who joined the Firm in 2011, has played a leading role in furthering equal opportunity and ending discrimination in the United States, and brings with her more than three decades of legal, governmental, policymaking and academic experience to the Civil Rights Practice. She is a noted speaker, thinker, commentator and author who has contributed to a broad range of important civil rights and social issues, including race, gender discrimination, media and the law. She has appeared on numerous television and news programs, and her writings and opinions regularly are published in leading newspapers and magazines in the United States and the world.

Ms. Hill began her career as an associate with a boutique defendants' firm based in Washington, D.C., which specialized in antitrust, federal agency and environmental work for corporate clients; in that role, she researched and wrote appellate and agency briefs on questions concerning environmental, corporate, antitrust and administrative law. She then served as special counsel to the assistant secretary of the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, where she advised on legal and policy matters related to individual and systemic claims of educational discrimination, reviewed legal and policy positions for government-wide enforcement efforts and wrote position papers on various civil rights education issues.

including race and gender discrimination claims and with a specific focus on issues facing historically black colleges and universities.

Later, Ms. Hill became adviser to the Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), reviewing and analyzing Commission policy, writing legal policy and position papers for the Chairman and advising him on the effectiveness of the program and the functions of the Commission.

For more than three decades, Ms. Hill has taught law and public policy. She began her teaching career as an assistant professor at Oral Roberts University and later joined the faculty at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. In 1989, Ms. Hill became the first African American to be tenured at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law, where she taught contracts and commercial law. Since 1999, Ms. Hill has been on the faculty of Brandeis University where she holds the title of University Professor, the highest academic rank awarded by Brandeis. Hill is one of only seven University Professors in the school's history. She teaches in the areas of civil rights, legal history and race and gender law and policy.

Ms. Hill is the author of numerous academic articles on international commercial law, contracts, bankruptcy and civil rights—all areas in which she has taught. She has given presentations on commercial law as well as race and gender equality to hundreds of business, professional, academic and civic organizations in the United States and abroad. In addition, she has appeared on several television programs, such as Face the Nation and Meet the Press, and has written for leading newspapers and magazines including Newsweek, The New York Times and Boston Globe and Time.com. Ms. Hill is the author of Speaking Truth to Power and served as the co-editor of Race, Gender, and Power in America: The Legacy of the Hill-Thomas Hearings. Her latest book is Reimagining Equality: Stories of Gender, Race and Finding Home (Beacon Press, 2011), an analysis of the housing market collapse of 2008 and its impact on gender and racial equality.

She is the recipient of numerous awards, grants and honorary degrees. Hill's professional and civic contributions include chairing the Human Rights Law Committee of the International Bar Association, and membership on the Board of Governors of the Tufts Medical Center and the Board of Directors of the National Women's Law Center and the Boston Area Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. Ms. Hill was the subject of the documentary, Anita: Speaking Truth to Power, which premiered at the Sundance Film festival in January 2013.

Ms. Hill attended Oklahoma State University, where she majored in Psychology, and earned her J.D. at Yale University Law School.

Julia Horwitz

Julia Horwitz is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Firm's Employee Benefits Practice Group. In her role, Ms. Horwitz represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases across the country.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Horwitz served as a law clerk for the Honorable Mary Ellen Coster Williams at the United States Court of Federal Claims. She worked at the Electronic Privacy Information Center in DC from 2012-2015, first as an Open Government Coordinator and Counsel, and then as the Director of the Consumer Privacy Project. Ms. Horwitz also was an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law School for a semester in 2013.

Ms. Horwitz attended Brown University, graduating with a B.A. in English, magna cum laude, in 2008. She earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School in 2012. During law school, Ms. Horwitz was a staff member on the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic Employment Discrimination Project.

Nicholas Johnson

Nicholas C. Johnson is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Complex Tort Litigation practice group. In that role, Mr. Johnson's practice focuses on catastrophic injury and wrongful death, medical malpractice, nursing home abuse, and personal injury cases.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2014, Mr. Johnson worked for two South Florida defense firms, gaining valuable experience representing Fortune 500 insurance companies in the defense of claims and lawsuits. Earlier in his career, Mr. Johnson practiced as an Assistant Public Defender in Palm Beach County, where he represented indigent clients charged with misdemeanors and felonies, ranging from DUI to crimes punishable by life in prison. He was awarded the Best Advocate Award at the Florida Public Defender College in November 2008. Mr. Johnson tried approximately 30 jury trials to verdict as an Assistant Public Defender. Eager to resume his representation of individuals, Mr. Johnson joined Cohen Milstein in 2014.

Mr. Johnson is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- **Berwick v. JFK Medical Center:** Cohen Milstein filed a medical malpractice lawsuit against JFK Medical Center on behalf of a client who had a documented seizure disorder, for which he was prescribed twice daily anticonvulsant medication. During a medical evaluation performed in the hospital, one of the doctors employed by JFK Medical Center withheld Mr. Berwick's anticonvulsant medication, causing Mr. Berwick to suffer a severe and debilitating seizure. The seizure and resulting fall caused bilateral comminuted shoulder fractures, requiring a reverse total shoulder replacement surgery, and ultimately, severe permanent functional impairment to both shoulders. The case is set for trial in November 2018.
- **Fearon v. Orlando Health, Inc.:** On November 3, 2016, Cohen Milstein filed a medical malpractice lawsuit on behalf of their client's widow and children, against Orlando Health, the parent company of Orlando Regional Medical Center. Mr. Fearon was experiencing intermittent chest pain, shortness of breath, and calf pain which became so severe that he went to Orlando Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room. He was evaluated for cardiac related issues and subsequently discharged. Moments later, Mr. Fearon died. The medical staff failed to recognize the symptoms of pulmonary embolism, and failed to accordingly provide lifesaving treatment.
- **Skiles v. Boca Raton Regional Hospital:** Cohen Milstein is litigating a wrongful death case, arising from the defendant's failure to perform an x-ray to rule-out a potential bowel perforation or "Free Air" following a colonoscopy procedure. The out-patient radiology facility refused to perform the x-ray, stating that it did not accept the patient's insurance, when in fact it did and, under Medicare rules, was obligated to perform the x-ray, regardless of coverage, because it was an emergency request. The x-ray was never performed, and the patient was sent home. Later that day, his wife rushed him to the hospital due to complaints of severe abdominal pain. In the hospital a perforated bowel was diagnosed, ultimately leading to bowel resection surgery. Although the patient initially survived his surgery, he later died due to complications of sepsis. Trial is scheduled in Palm Beach County in October 2018.

Some of his past successes include:

- **Doe v. Un-named Hospital:** On November 21, 2016, Cohen Milstein filed a lawsuit against a hospital in Florida on behalf of a client who was dropped on his head during a routine surgical procedure, as a result of the nurse's failure to properly secure him to the operating room table. The fall resulted in a traumatic brain injury with debilitating consequences, including significant emotional, behavioral, and memory deficits. The case was successfully settled prior to trial.
- **Pavlov v. PBSO:** Cohen Milstein represented the mother of a 28-year-old mentally disturbed man who was shot and killed by a Deputy Sheriff of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Johnson was instrumental in litigating this case, which at that time, resulted in the largest settlement paid out by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

- **Negligent Security Matter:** Mr. Johnson represented the mother of a 20-year-old man who was shot and killed in the parking lot of a West Palm Beach nightclub, which had been plagued with violent crimes over the years. The complaint alleged that the nightclub failed to provide adequate security that led to this tragic incident. On October 6, 2017, the parties entered into a confidential settlement.
- **Patient v. Confidential Defendant:** On March 17, 2016, Cohen Milstein successfully negotiated a confidential settlement on behalf of their client who had suffered permanent bodily damage at the hands of a Florida Cardiologist. During discovery, Mr. Le Clainche and Mr. Johnson exposed the Defendant's misconduct and medically negligent treatment when using a stent inappropriately.
- **Nursing Home Neglect Litigation:** Mr. Johnson represented the spouse of an 85-year-old man who experienced a series of falls in a nursing home before finally fracturing his hip, which required hip replacement surgery. Mr. Johnson reached a confidential settlement in this case that alleged neglect on the part of the nursing home.

Mr. Johnson was recently selected by National Trial Lawyers as a Top 100 Plaintiff Civil Trial Lawyer in the State of Florida. He has been named a "Rising Star" by Florida Super Lawyers and a "Legal Elite Up and Comer" by Florida Trend Magazine.

In June 2018, Mr. Johnson was appointed to serve on the Florida Justice Association's (FJA) Board of Directors. He is also a member of its Diversity Committee.

Mr. Johnson is Past President of the prestigious F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association. He has been a member since 2014, and has served on the Executive Board since 2015.

Mr. Johnson is an appointed member of the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Judicial Campaign Practices Commission. In addition, he was reappointed to the North County Section's Board of Directors in 2017, to serve until 2019. He is an alumnus of The Florida Bar's Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Leadership Academy 2015-2016 class, and continues to serve the program through the Florida Bar's Leadership Academy Committee.

Mr. Johnson is also an active member of the American Association of Justice (AAJ). He is involved in several AAJ committees, including the Minority Caucus, the Voter Protection Committee, and the Public Education Committee. Mr. Johnson is an alumnus of AAJ's Leadership Academy (2016-2017).

Mr. Johnson is a community advocate and mentor, and was recently appointed to the Board of Scholar Career Coaching in June 2018.

Mr. Johnson is also a prolific writer, and his articles have been published in Florida Justice Association Journal and AAJ's Trial magazine.

Mr. Johnson was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica, and graduated from Boston University with a B.A. in Economics, and completed his Master's in Sports Management at the University of Florida. He graduated cum laude from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2007.

Eric Kafka

Eric A. Kafka is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group. Mr. Kafka's practice focuses on litigating class actions on behalf of consumers who have been deceived and harmed by large corporations.

Currently, Mr. Kafka is litigating the following notable matters:

- In re Anthem, Inc. Data Breach Litigation: Mr. Kafka represents consumers who were affected by the Anthem data breach. Plaintiffs allege that their confidential information, including their Social Security numbers, was compromised in the data breach.
- Hankinson, et al. v. R.T.G. Furniture Corp., d/b/a Rooms to Go: Mr. Kafka represents furniture consumers who allege that Rooms to Go misrepresented that it would professionally treat their furniture with stain-resistant chemicals.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Kafka worked on multiple political campaigns, including President Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Mr. Kafka earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received his B.A. from Yale University.

Adam Langino

Adam J. Langino is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Complex Tort Litigation practice group, focusing on products liability, catastrophic injury and wrongful death, and managed care abuse litigation.

Mr. Langino is an experienced, hands-on trial attorney, who has tried more than 20 jury trial cases in his career. Mr. Langino represents clients who have been seriously or catastrophically injured by holding accountable the corporations or persons that have caused them harm.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Langino served for three years as an Assistant Public Defender in West Palm Beach, Florida. As an Assistant Public Defender, Mr. Langino handled complex felony criminal cases, including first-degree felonies and crimes punishable by life in prison. He gained valuable trial experience and secured freedom for the wrongly accused. Before his service as an Assistant Public Defender, Mr. Langino clerked for the Federal Public Defender in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Currently, Mr. Langino is litigating the following notable matters:

- Paz-Orjales v. Ford Motor Company: Cohen Milstein represents Paz-Orjales against Defendants Ford Motor Company for the catastrophic injuries resulting in his quadriplegia. The complaint alleges that due to a defective design, the Ford truck's roof collapsed and crushed Mr. Orjales during an accident in which the Ford rolled over.
- Pelico v. Yorktown Association Inc.: Cohen Milstein represents Pelico in a wrongful death lawsuit against the property management company that maintains the swimming pool in which his daughter drowned. The father contends that Heritage had a duty to make sure that the pool was reasonably safe, including controlling access to the pool by minors.
- Staton v. Elite Auto Logistics, Inc.: Cohen Milstein represents Lowell Staton in a catastrophic injury lawsuit for negligently causing a truck crash that caused his disabling injuries. The matter is presently set for trial in September 2018.

Some of his past successes include:

- Mincey v. Takata: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey and her family. Ms. Mincey sustained catastrophic injuries that rendered her paralyzed from the neck down in 2014 when the driver's side airbag deployed too aggressively during a vehicle collision. She passed away in early 2016 due to complications from the quadriplegia caused by the problematic airbag. The suit charged that the Takata Corporation, the manufacturer of the airbag system, knew of the airbag defect and hid the problem from consumers. Evidence uncovered by the firm showed that Takata concealed the defective nature of the airbag

system for more than a decade. The case was resolved in July 2016. Mr. Langino was involved in all aspects of the litigation, including discovery, taking depositions and directing motions.

- *Fuse v. Palm Tran*: Cohen Milstein represented the family of a 5-year-old disabled child in a catastrophic injury case alleging that the disabled child suffered permanent brain damage during transport on the Palm Tran Connection service, a transportation service for elderly and disabled patrons, when the vehicle's driver ignored her calls for help, failed to provide first aid, and delayed access to emergency medical aid. The case was resolved in a settlement in excess of \$1 million.
- *Hauser v. Rice Insulation*: Cohen Milstein represented the Hauser family in a product liability lawsuit alleging that Rice Insulation, an insulation contractor, installed foam insulation incorrectly in the plaintiff's house, resulting in the house burning to the ground. The lawsuit included the contractor as well as the manufacturer for not providing sufficient warnings that the product might ignite under certain conditions. The matter was resolved confidentially. Mr. Langino managed all aspects of the litigation.
- *Palmer v. Baylines Inc.*: Cohen Milstein represented the Palmer family in catastrophic injury and product safety lawsuit in which a truck driver fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a vehicle carrying the Palmers, resulting in the death of Mrs. Palmer. Mr. Langino brought a catastrophic injury case against the trucking company Baylines Inc., and a product safety case against the carmaker of the vehicle that the Palmers were driving alleging that the airbags did not deploy properly, leading to Mrs. Palmer's death. The case was resolved in a confidential settlement. Mr. Langino managed all aspects of the litigation, including expert witnesses.

Mr. Langino presently serves as the Newsletter Chair for the Product Liability Section of the American Association for Justice. He was selected to the 2015 class of the American Association for Justice Leadership Academy, which is comprised of a select group of plaintiff trial lawyers chosen from across the country for national leadership training. Mr. Langino has been consistently recognized by The National Trial Lawyers as one of Florida's "Top 40 Under 40" and a "Top 100 Trial Lawyer," Florida Super Lawyers "Rising Stars," Florida Trend "Up and Comer," and is Martindale-Hubbell AV rated.

Mr. Langino attended the University of Maryland, graduating magna cum laude with Honors in Government and Politics, and earned his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Minnesota School of Law, where he received an award for Best Oral Argument and participated in the Wagner Labor Law Moot Court program.

A former amateur boxer, Mr. Langino has volunteered as boxing coach for at risk youths for the Police Athletic League located in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He is the Past-President of Club 100 Charities and a past-board member of Cops Helping Kids, charities that are dedicated to improving Palm Beach County by focusing on the needs of the youth and elderly.

Joel P. Laitman

Joel P. Laitman is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection Practice Group. Mr. Laitman has served as lead counsel in five of the firm's major mortgage-backed securities class actions brought on behalf of pension funds and other institutional investors against major investment banks. These cases alleged that the underlying mortgages failed to comply with the underwriting standards described in the Offering Documents.

Besides initiating these cases and directing and leading discovery with his colleague Chris Lometti, Mr. Laitman argued all motions and conducted all hearings both before the District Court and the Second Circuit. In just three of these cases that have settled to date, recoveries totaling \$720 million were achieved for the benefit of injured investors: \$335 million in the RALI MBS case brought against Goldman Sachs, UBS and Citigroup; \$275 million in the Harborview MBS case brought against RBS; and \$110 million in the HEMT MBS case brought against Credit Suisse.

The settlements achieved in these cases have been commended by Courts and by legal publications. Commenting on the Harborview litigation, Judge Loretta A. Preska, of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, noted that the case brought on behalf of the plaintiffs was "interesting and different" and that settlement on their behalf "was a job well

done.” Judge Fallia, in approving the RALI Settlement, commended the firm for prosecuting the case for seven years and “never giving up” despite substantial obstacles.

The litigations and settlements have garnered awards from the leading legal publications. In 2014 and 2015, the National Law Journal cited the Harborview and RALI MBS in designating the firm an Elite Trial Law Firm and placing the firm on the Hot List; Law360 cited the RALI and Harborview cases in designating the firm one of “The Most Feared Plaintiffs Firms” in 2015, the third year in a row that Cohen Milstein received the designation; and in 2015, Law360 selected Cohen Milstein as the sole plaintiff firm to be chosen in two “Practice Groups of the Year” categories and one of only five class action law firms to be recognized, singling out the RALI and Harborview cases in the award.

In addition, Mr. Laitman has argued a number of seminal cases before the Second Circuit in the securities field including: *Teamsters Local 445 Freight Div. Pension Fund v. Dynex Capital, Inc.*, 531 F.3d 190 (2d Cir. 2008) (addressing corporate scienter under Section 10 (b)); *Teamsters Local 445 Freight Div. Pension Fund v. Bombardier, Inc.*, 546 F.3d 196 (2d Cir. 2008) (addressing standard for establishing market efficiency in certification of Section 10(b) claims); *N.J. Carpenters Health Fund v. Royal Bank of Scotland Group, PLC*, 709 F.3d 109 (2d Cir. 2013) (“NovaStar”) (reversing dismissal of Securities Act claims); *Wyo. State Treasurer v. Moody's Investors Serv. (In re Lehman Bros. Mortgage-Backed Sec. Litig.)* (“Lehman”), 650 F.3d 167 (2d Cir. 2011) (addressing rating agency liability under the Securities Act); and *N.J. Carpenters Health Fund v. RALI Series 2006-QO1*, 477 Fed. Appx. 809 (2d Cir. 2012) (“Harborview/RALI”, addressing class member knowledge as grounds for denial of class certification).

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Laitman is a graduate of Columbia University, with a B.A., magna cum laude, and earned his law degree at Georgetown University Law Center.

Stephan A. LeClainche

Stephan A. LeClainche is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and head of the firm’s Medical Malpractice group. In his role, Mr. LeClainche represents victims and the families of victims of all types of medical negligence. His practice specializes in medical malpractice, but also includes medical device litigation, automobile negligence, sexual abuse and other serious injury and wrongful death cases.

Mr. LeClainche is an experienced trial attorney, whose recent admission to the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers attests to his reputation among peers as an outstanding trial lawyer. He understands, however, that legal skill in a courtroom is only a part of the qualifications that a good attorney brings to the practice in representing the victims of negligence. Equally important is the empathy an attorney must possess in counseling and guiding these victims and their families. The best attorneys are advisers and advocates, compassionate yet aggressive—a partner to clients, making them part of the team. These are traits that Mr. LeClainche brings to each of his cases.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Mr. LeClainche was a name partner in a boutique trial law firm based in West Palm Beach. A Florida Board-Certified Civil Trial Lawyer since 1996 with more than three decades of experience litigating civil lawsuits, Mr. LeClainche is both a veteran attorney and a seasoned investigator, investing the time necessary to unearth and analyze every potentially relevant facet of a case. Many of his cases represent the cutting edge of both medicine and law, and grow out of the evolution of medicine and its practice. The cases may be different, but the complexities, challenges and stakes are always high, requiring attention to detail – and dedication to a client’s needs and concerns.

Some of Mr. LeClainche’s litigation and trial successes include the following notable matters:

- A \$2.5 million settlement in the wrongful shooting and death of Seth Adams by the PBSO.
- A confidential settlement reached in a medical malpractice case against an interventional cardiologist regarding his controversial practice of using a stent in the mid-popliteal artery to treat arterial occlusion. The case involved the off-label use of a medical device and a surgeon acting outside the scope of his practice.

- A \$40 million verdict recovered for a child in a wrongful death case.
- A \$5 million settlement reached during trial in a medical malpractice case.
- Verdicts of \$1.7 million and \$10 million in two separate cases involving sexual abuse of minors.
- A \$2.3 million verdict for personal injuries suffered during a fall at an amusement park.
- A \$2.8 million verdict for a death and personal injuries suffered by husband and wife in a motor vehicle accident.
- Co-lead of the trial team of lawyers who, after years of costly litigation, successfully recovered \$27 million on behalf of 10 victims of child abuse in a case brought in Federal Court in New York.

Mr. LeClainche currently represents clients in a diverse variety of medical malpractice cases, including:

- Several lawsuits involving injuries arising from laparoscopic and open gall bladder surgery.
- A case involving a military reservist suffering from deep vein thrombosis (a clot in the veins of the leg), who was misdiagnosed and as a result suffered a pulmonary embolus and died just as he was being discharged from the hospital.
- A routine colonoscopy that resulted in a perforated colon and the subsequent death of the client.
- Misdiagnosis on colonoscopy resulting in the client being given a clean bill of health only to be subsequently diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer.

In addition to his recent admission to the American College of Trial Lawyers, Mr. LeClainche's accomplishments over the years have enabled him to achieve an AV-Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available for ethics and legal ability from the nation's oldest guide to lawyers and law firms.

Mr. LeClainche attended Florida International University, graduating magna cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science, and earned his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law. Mr. LeClainche was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica.

Scott Lempert

Scott M. Lempert is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Employee Benefits (ERISA) Practice Group. He joined the firm in 2016 and represents the interests of employees, retirees, and plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases in the district court and on appeal.

Mr. Lempert is currently engaged in litigating a number of so-called "church plan" lawsuits. These cutting-edge legal cases assert that many non-profit health care systems in the United States wrongfully claim their benefit plans are exempt from ERISA regulation under the church plan exemption. Currently, Cohen Milstein serves as lead or co-lead counsel in 12 separate cases in various jurisdictions throughout the U.S.

Mr. Lempert has over 20 years of experience litigating complex commercial class actions on behalf of employees, retirees and consumers in retiree benefits, employment, consumer protection and antitrust matters. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein he worked on many high-profile matters, including:

- In re: Unisys Corp. Retiree Medical Benefits ERISA Litig. – a series of cases involving representation of thousands of retirees, both as class actions and individually, seeking restoration of lifetime retiree medical benefits unlawfully terminated after retirement. These cases successfully achieved multiple settlements and court judgments providing lifetime retiree medical benefits for some and a continuing stream of payments to pay for medical benefits for other retirees.
- Raetsch v. Lucent Technologies – 36 million dollar settlement involving unlawful transfer of excess defined benefit pension funds to an account to pay for retiree medical benefits.
- Mehling v. New York Life Insurance Co. -- 14 million dollar settlement challenging excessive fees charged to New York Life employees and the company's pension plan for Plan assets invested in New York Life owned mutual funds.

- *Stagi v. National R.R. Passenger Corp.* – Gender discrimination class action alleging unlawful disparate impact on female union employees resulting from enforcement of an Amtrak employee policy that blocked union employees from promotion to management. Settlement provided Amtrak employees compensation for denial of opportunities for promotion and the striking of the unlawful employment policy.

Mr. Lempert graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Delaware with a B.A., magna cum laude, in Psychology, and received his J.D., from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. During law school, he served as Vice President of the Law School Government and was a Morris Fellow.

Christopher Lometti

Christopher Lometti is Of Counsel in Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. In this role, Mr. Lometti has litigated some of the most significant mortgage-backed securities (MBS) class action lawsuits to emerge from the financial crisis.

Mr. Lometti, together with his colleague Joel Laitman, initiated the Bear Stearns, Harborview, RALI, Lehman and HEMT MBS litigation at their named firm prior to joining Cohen Milstein. The lawsuits were high-risk matters involving novel claims on behalf of their Taft-Hartley pension fund clients injured by the dramatic downgrades of their MBS holdings from AAA to junk status. The MBS litigations have earned Cohen Milstein's Securities Litigation Practice numerous accolades from the National Law Journal, Law360 and American Lawyer.

Mr. Lometti's successes include the following notable matters:

- **Bear Stearns MBS Litigation:** \$500 million settlement with JPMorgan Chase. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging Bear Stearns violated securities laws in selling toxic mortgage-backed securities that failed to meet the bank's own underwriting standards and that contained false and misleading information as to the appraised values of the underlying mortgages. Mr. Lometti was one of the key litigators in the case, developing strategy and conducting extensive fact discovery into the 22 offerings backed by approximately 71,000 largely Alt-A mortgages that Bear Stearns sold to investors from May 2006 to April 2007.
- **RALI MBS Litigation:** \$335 million settlement with Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and UBS. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action litigation alleging RALI and its affiliates sold shoddy MBS securities that did not meet the standards of their underwriters. Mr. Lometti was one of the senior litigators on the class action, conducting fact discovery, deposing economic experts and preparing witnesses.
- **Harborview MBS Litigation:** \$275 million settlement with Royal Bank of Scotland. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a complex case, in which presiding Judge Loretta A. Preska, of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, commented on the "job well done" by the Cohen Milstein team of which Mr. Lometti was a senior litigator.
- **HEMT MBS Litigation:** \$110 million settlement with Credit Suisse. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a case alleging Credit Suisse and its affiliates sold toxic securities to pension fund investors. The suit, filed in 2008, was one of the first class action cases involving mortgage-backed securities to be filed.
- **Lehman Litigation:** \$40 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit against individuals affiliated with the bankrupt firm, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. Mr. Lometti was a senior litigator on the lawsuit, developing strategy.
- **Dynex Litigation:** \$7.5 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action lawsuit involving the asset-backed securities. Mr. Lometti was a central member of the team to litigate this seminal lawsuit involving hybrid securities. In the litigation, the U.S. District judge issued one of the first decisions certifying an investor class pursuing fraud claims in connection with the sale of asset-backed securities. The Dynex litigation laid out a road map that could be followed in litigating an asset-backed security.
- **Braskem Litigation:** \$10 million settlement. Cohen Milstein represented shareholders in a class action suit alleging that the Brazilian petrochemical company lied to investors in its American Depositary Receipts about its role in a bribery scheme involving Petrobras, Brazil's giant oil producer.

Currently, Mr. Lometti is litigating the following matters:

- NovaStar MBS: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in litigation alleging that RBS, Wells Fargo (formerly Wachovia) and Deutsche Bank sold toxic mortgage-backed securities to investors. The litigation is one of the last outstanding class action MBS lawsuits. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals reversed an earlier dismissal of the lawsuit, paving the way for prosecution of the case. In March 2017, the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York preliminarily approved a \$165 million all-cash settlement. Final approval of the settlement is pending.

Prior to his arrival at Cohen Milstein, Mr. Lometti played a substantive role in litigating and settling the massive class action suit against WorldCom, one of the largest bankruptcies in history, representing significant stakeholders in the telecom's bond offerings. The lawsuit resulted in a settlement of \$6.15 billion.

Mr. Lometti has been repeatedly recognized for his career accomplishments, including being named to the 2016 Lawdragon 500, one of the industry's leading peer-reviewed surveys, as well as annually recognized by New York Super Lawyers (2011- 2018).

He has served as a non-industry arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange and National Association of Securities Dealers helping to resolve disputes, and as a mediator for the New York State Court System.

Mr. Lometti received a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham College in 1983, and his J.D. from Fordham Law School in 1986.

Diana L. Martin

Diana L. Martin is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death, Consumer Protection, Managed Care Abuse, and Unsafe & Defective Products practice groups.

Ms. Martin's practice focuses on appellate litigation involving complex product liability, consumer class, mass tort, and managed care litigation. She not only handles appeals in these areas of law, but also provides appellate support at the trial stage. In this role, she works as an integral part of the trial team by strategizing best practices, drafting and arguing complex and case dispositive motions, handling jury instruction charge conferences, and assisting trial counsel in preserving and protecting the record in the event of an appeal.

Ms. Martin is often involved in cases that involve complex issues or require the development of innovative strategies for novel or evolving theories of liability. These areas have included developing legal theories to avoid the application of legal immunity to workers' compensation carriers who deny or delay medical care to injured workers, and using Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act to hold hospitals accountable for drastically overbilling patients on a uniform basis. Her experience spans various practice areas, such as constitutional and civil rights law, commercial litigation, mass tort and class action litigation, managed care litigation, products liability law, and catastrophic personal injury litigation.

Ms. Martin is on the litigation team for the following notable matters:

- United States of America, et al. v. AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc.: Cohen Milstein represents three former managers of the AHF in Federal and Florida State Whistleblower Act claims against the nation's largest provider of HIV/AIDS medical care for illegal patient referral kickbacks. Ms. Martin has been involved in all aspects of the litigation.
- HCA: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in a class action lawsuit alleging that four Florida plaintiffs and others like them were billed inflated and exorbitant fees for emergency radiology services, in excess of the amount allowed by law, covered in part by their mandatory Florida Personal Injury Protection insurance. When the district court

struck plaintiffs' class claims, Ms. Martin successfully petitioned the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals to accept immediate appellate review and obtained a reversal of the district court's order.

- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents more than five families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing defective X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.
- Pulse Nightclub Shooting: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel, representing more than 90 survivors and relatives of victims of the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting. The wrongful death lawsuit against the shooter's former employer, G4S, alleges that it knew the shooter was mentally unstable and threatening violence, yet obtained his security license from the state with the use of a fraudulently signed psychological assessment, employed him as an armed guard, and repeatedly gave him weapons training.
- Saori Yamauchi, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.: Cohen Milstein and local New York co-counsel filed a product liability and personal injury complaint against Toyota Motor Corporation, Autoliv, and related entities on behalf of Saori Yamauchi, who sustained a catastrophic injury in an accident involving her Toyota Sienna and the vehicle's airbag system deploying in a dangerous manner. The case is being litigated in New York state court.

Ms. Martin has successfully litigated the following matters:

- Adams v. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in an excessive force and wrongful death action against the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and one of its detectives, who shot and killed the unarmed Seth Adams while he was on family property. Having provided legal support throughout the district court proceedings, Ms. Martin successfully handled the appellate proceedings in which the officer had appealed to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals the district court's denial of his motion for summary judgment based on qualified immunity. The case was settled in May 2017 for \$2.5 million, the largest settlement in the agency's history.
- In re: Caterpillar, Inc. Engine Products Liability Litigation: Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a nationwide product liability class action lawsuit alleging Caterpillar sold diesel engines with defective exhaust emissions system that resulted in power losses and shutdowns. The case was settled in September 2016 for \$60 million.
- Hand et al., v. Scott et al.: Cohen Milstein and Fair Elections Legal Network, a national voting rights organization, achieved a major victory on behalf of former felons in Florida, who claimed their constitutional rights had been infringed by Florida's Clemency Board. U.S. District Court Judge Mark E. Walker ruled that the process by which Florida's Clemency Board grants or denies former felons' restoration of voting rights applications is unconstitutionally arbitrary and violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment right of free association and free expression, as well as the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Mincey v. Takata: Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a lawsuit brought on behalf of Patricia Mincey and her family, a Florida woman who sustained catastrophic injuries that rendered her a quadriplegic in 2014 when the driver's side airbag in her Honda Civic deployed too aggressively during a collision due to a product defect. Patricia Mincey passed away in early 2016 due to complications from her quadriplegia. The suit charged that Takata, the manufacturer of the airbag system, knew of the airbag defect and hid the problem from consumers. When the defendants removed Ms. Mincey's case to federal court in an attempt to have it bogged down in multi-district litigation, Ms. Martin successfully had the case remanded to Florida state court, where it was resolved in July 2016.
- Wal-Mart Employment Discrimination Litigation: Cohen Milstein represented individual female Walmart employees in a lawsuit alleging that the company discriminated against them on the basis of their sex. Ms. Martin worked as part of the trial and appellate teams until the parties reached a confidential settlement with the plaintiffs.

Ms. Martin currently serves as Audit Committee Chair of Families First of Palm Beach County. She is a past President of Florida Legal Services and served as a Board Member between 2007 and 2016. Ms. Martin was also a Board Member of the Florida Bar Foundation in 2015-2016. She has written numerous legal articles, which have been published in a variety

of journals, including Trial Magazine, The Florida Bar Journal, and the Florida Justice Association Journal. Ms. Martin also co-authors Florida Insurance Law and Practice, an annual publication by Thomson/West.

Ms. Martin attended Flagler College, graduating summa cum laude with Departmental Honors in Philosophy/Religion. She earned her J.D. from the University of Florida Levin College of Law, graduating with High Honors and achieving admission to the Order of the Coif.

Ms. Martin clerked for three years between 2002 and 2005 for the Honorable Martha C. Warner in Florida's Fourth District Court of Appeal.

David M. Maser

David M. Maser is an Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Maser worked with a nationally recognized securities class action plaintiffs law firm for more than a decade, where he helped create the firm's securities monitoring program and cultivated important relationships with the firm's growing portfolio of institutional investor clients, nationally and globally.

As a result of his work, Mr. Maser successfully engaged over 25 public fund and union clients with well over \$200 billion in assets under management. Clients he has represented have been involved in more than 60 actions, generating more than \$4.6 billion in case recoveries.

Mr. Maser has worked extensively in both the public and private sectors and brings more than 25 years of experience and insight to pension funds and other institutional clients, specifically at the intersection of law, business and government.

Through his extensive experience in the public and private sectors, Mr. Maser has established bipartisan relationships in the political arena on the federal, state and local levels. His ability to see the big picture and create bipartisan collaborations has earned him a reputation as an exceptional diplomat and strategic consensus builder.

Douglas J. McNamara

Douglas J. McNamara is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Consumer Protection practice group. In that role, Mr. McNamara specializes in litigating complex, multi-state class action lawsuits against manufacturers and consumer service providers such as banks, insurers, credit card companies and others. He has helped litigate precedent-setting cases, including Salud Services, Inc. v. Caterpillar, Inc. He is a hands-on litigator who takes pleasure in the details, facts, and documents of each case. Mr. McNamara is a highly regarded speaker who has presented at several forums on such topics as federal preemption, class certification and civil litigation, and is the author of scholarly articles focusing on emerging legal issues.

Mr. McNamara has worked on numerous cases involving dangerous pharmaceuticals and medical devices, light cigarettes, defective consumer products, and environmental torts. He litigated and resolved the class action lawsuit against Philips Electronics North America Corp., which alleged that certain Philips and Magnavox flat-panel TVs suffer from a defect that causes their capacitors to fail prematurely and renders the TVs inoperable.

Mr. McNamara is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- Lumber Liquidators Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in the consumer class action lawsuit In re: Lumber Liquidators Chinese-Manufactured Flooring Products, Sales Practice and Product Liabilities Litigation, alleging the nationwide retailer sold Chinese-made laminate flooring containing hazardous levels of the carcinogen formaldehyde while falsely labeling their products as meeting or exceeding California emissions standards, a story that was profiled twice on 60 Minutes in 2015.
- Symantec Litigation: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in Khoday et al. v. Symantec Corp. et al., a nationwide class action battle involving the marketing to consumers of a re-download service in conjunction with the sale of Norton software. The case settled in a \$60 million all-cash deal a month before the case was to go to trial – one of the most significant consumer settlements in years. Mr. McNamara was involved in all aspects of the case, from managing the litigation to overseeing a staff of contract attorneys to settlement discussions.
- Rooms to Go Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents a putative class in Hankinson et al. v. R.T.G. Furniture Corp., d/b/a Rooms to Go, alleging that the furniture retailer misled consumers as to the application of its ForceField stain protection plan. Mr. McNamara is engaged in all aspects of the litigation, including discovery and working with expert witnesses.
- Caterpillar Litigation: Cohen Milstein is lead counsel in Salud Services, Inc. v. Caterpillar, Inc., a class action lawsuit against Caterpillar alleging that bus engines designed to meet 2002 federal emissions standards are failing, leaving passengers stranded and bus companies eating the costs of countless repairs and towing fees. The Firm succeeded in beating back the defendant's argument that the Clean Air Act preempted the plaintiff's claims since the claims related to emissions standards. Mr. McNamara was the architect of that opposition and is involved in all aspects of the product liability litigation.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2001, Mr. McNamara was a litigation associate at an international law firm, specializing in pharmaceutical and product liability cases. He started his career at New York City's Legal Aid Society, defending indigent criminal defendants at trial and on appeal.

He has been the lead author on three law review articles: "Buckley, Imbler and Stare Decisis: The Present Predicament of Prosecutorial Immunity and An End to Its Absolute Means," 59 Albany Law Review, 1135 (1996); "Sexual Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct: Applying New York's Gender-Specific Sexual Misconduct Law to Minors," 14 Touro Law Review, 477 (Winter 1998), and most recently, Douglas McNamara, et al, "Reexamining the Seventh Amendment Argument Against Issue Certification," 34 Pace Law Review, 1041 (2014). He is presently teaching a course on environmental and toxic torts as an adjunct at George Washington University School of Law.

Mr. McNamara graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Albany with a major in Political Science, and earned his J.D. from New York University School of Law.

Miriam Nemeth

Miriam R. Nemeth is an Associate in Cohen Milstein's Civil Rights & Employment practice group. Ms. Nemeth's practice focuses on civil rights, employment discrimination, and wage and hour collective and class actions, many of which include complex joint employer issues. In addition, she has experience litigating civil lawsuits involving police misconduct, government abuse of power, and prisoners' rights.

Following law school, Ms. Nemeth served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable David M. Lawson on the Eastern District of Michigan.

Currently, Ms. Nemeth is involved in the following notable matters:

- Chipotle Mexican Grill Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents a class of managerial apprentices at Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurants in New Jersey who were denied the overtime pay to which they were entitled under federal and

state law. The lawsuit alleges that Chipotle violated the law by misclassifying its apprentices as exempt from overtime and failing to pay them premium overtime wages on that basis.

- Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM): Cohen Milstein represents non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) drivers in a putative class action, alleging that their employer, MTM, knowingly and willfully failed to pay proper wages to its NEMT drivers across Washington, D.C. under federal and District of Columbia law. This lawsuit involves vertical joint employment issues between MTM and its subcontractors.
- McDonald's Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents McDonald's crew members in several wage and hour class actions asserting that McDonald's regularly fails to pay workers for all the hours they work by denying them legally mandated meal and rest breaks, payments for missed breaks, and assistance with uniform maintenance, amongst other claims. In several of these lawsuits, plaintiffs allege that McDonald's is liable for damages as a joint employer of the workers and the franchises.
- Public Partnerships, LLC: Cohen Milstein represents "direct care" workers, who provide home care for the elderly or individuals with disabilities, in a class action lawsuit alleging that Public Partnerships, LLC (PPL) violated federal and Pennsylvania state law when it denied or underpaid overtime wages to direct care workers it employed. This lawsuit seeks to hold PPL liable for these wages as one of the workers' employers.
- Temporary Employment Staffing Agency Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents African-American workers in a series of class actions against employment staffing agencies in Chicago. The suits allege a pattern of race discrimination against African-American laborers in the staffing and assignment of workers by temporary staffing agencies to their client companies. Plaintiffs are seeking to hold both staffing agencies and the client companies they serve liable as joint employers.
- Transgender Health Care Coverage Cases: Cohen Milstein represents LGBT individuals in their claims of sex discrimination in the denial of access to health care coverage for transition-related care.
- Pro Bono: Ms. Nemeth has a strong commitment to pro bono work. She currently represents a Washington, D.C. resident in her application for disability benefits for a debilitating genetic condition. Ms. Nemeth is also representing medical transportation drivers in a hybrid collective and class action, stemming from the defendants' willful failure to pay plaintiffs minimum and overtime wages in violation of the FLSA and state labor laws.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2015, Ms. Nemeth practiced at a civil rights litigation boutique in Detroit, MI. Cases she litigated included a race discrimination lawsuit against a police department on behalf of five African-American men who were the victims of gang violence, as well as a racial profiling claim on behalf of a woman who was removed from an airplane based on her race. She also represented a jail inmate who suffered permanent injuries from a corrections officer's assault and a family who received false information about the death of their son during his employment with a private security contractor.

Ms. Nemeth is a graduate cum laude of the University of Pennsylvania Law School. There, she served as a Comments Editor on the University of Pennsylvania Law Review and co-directed the Prisoners' Legal Education Project, a student-run clinic that worked with inmates in a maximum security facility in Pennsylvania. She also received the 2009 Benjamin R. Jones Memorial Award for Contributions to the Public Interest. During law school, Ms. Nemeth interned with the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender Office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law and the D.C. Public Defender Service's Mental Health Division. Before attending law school, Ms. Nemeth graduated summa cum laude from the George Washington University's Honors Program with a double-major in English and Psychology.

Following law school, Ms. Nemeth served as a law clerk for the Honorable Ronald Lee Gilman on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Honorable David M. Lawson on the Eastern District of Michigan.

Ms. Nemeth is an active member of the American Constitution Society and has been named a Next Generation Leader and a Public Interest Fellow by that organization. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Public Justice Center (PJC) and Co-Chair of PJC's Lawyers Alliance (2017 – 2018).

Casey M. Preston

Casey M. Preston is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Whistleblower/False Claims Act practice group.

Mr. Preston focuses on representing whistleblowers across the country in qui tam actions brought under the False Claims Act against individuals and corporations that engage in fraudulent conduct that causes significant economic harm to federal and state government programs as well as taxpayers. He has significant experience in investigating, reporting, and prosecuting Medicare and Medicaid fraud schemes and also has substantial experience with other types of government fraud, including non-compliance with government contracts, Title IV federal student aid fraud, customs and tariff fraud, and sales of defective mortgages. He also represents individuals who report securities fraud, tax fraud, and customs fraud through federal whistleblower programs. In addition, Mr. Preston has significant experience handling complex commercial cases and securities litigation in courts across the U.S.

Some of Mr. Preston's current representations include:

- A sealed qui tam action against a drug manufacturer that is alleged to have, in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute, provided free business services to induce physicians to utilize its products.
- A sealed qui tam action against a drug company that is alleged to have violated the Anti-Kickback Statute by paying physicians to provide sham speaker programs to induce them to prescribe its drug.
- A sealed qui tam action against a chain of medical practices that allegedly performed unnecessary tests on patients covered by the government health care programs and billed the government for services that were not performed.
- A sealed qui tam action alleging that a medical equipment supplier is selling unnecessary equipment and supplies to Medicare beneficiaries.
- A sealed action against a hospital system for overcharging Medicare for services furnished at its off-campus locations.
- A SEC whistleblower program case reporting that a biotech company is misleading investors about the status of a groundbreaking technology that it claims to be developing.

Mr. Preston has played a key role in a number of successful cases, including:

- A qui tam action alleging that drug manufacturer Wyeth overcharged the state Medicaid programs by not providing them the statutorily required "best price" for a widely prescribed drug. This action resulted in a recovery of more than \$780 million by the government.
- A qui tam action against skilled nursing facilities that were involved in a multi-year scheme of increasing the facilities' Medicare collections by assigning Medicare patients to levels of therapy far greater than medically appropriate and billing Medicare at the higher amounts associated with this unnecessary therapy. There was a \$10 million recovery by the government.
- A qui tam action against a chain of urgent care centers that allegedly billed the government for unnecessary medical tests and services performed on beneficiaries of the government health care programs. There was a \$10 million recovery by the government.
- A qui tam action against the Kool Smiles pediatric dentistry chain for allegedly billing the state Medicaid programs for unnecessary dental procedures. There was a \$23.9 million recovery by the federal government and several states.
- Successfully represented an investor in several commercial real estate LLCs in a fraud and breach of fiduciary duty action against the LLCs' manager.
- Represented stock and bondholders in a class action against a food distributor and its outside accounting firm that resulted in a \$94 million recovery for the investors.
- Represented stockholders in a securities class action against a software company that resulted in a \$5+ million recovery for the investors.

- Represented a hedge fund in a securities fraud action against a marketing company through which the hedge fund secured a \$4 million recovery.
- Represented a state pension fund in a securities class action against an insurance company that resulted in a \$93 million recovery for stockholders.

In addition, Mr. Preston has provided pro bono services to the Legal Clinic for the Disabled and the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Mr. Preston served as law clerk for the Hon. William J. Nealon, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Hon. Terrence R. Nealon, Court of Common Pleas, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Preston received his B.S. from The Citadel and his J.D. from the Villanova University School of Law.

Poorad Razavi

Poorad Razavi is an attorney at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death and Unsafe & Defective Products practice areas. Mr. Razavi's practice focuses on products liability, vehicle defects, roadway design and maintenance defects, trucking and car accidents, chemical exposure, negligent security, and multi-million dollar wrongful death and catastrophic injury suits.

Mr. Razavi represents clients in state and federal courts across the nation, including in Florida, California, Indiana, Ohio, Georgia, New York, Nevada, Michigan, Alabama, and Tennessee. He has litigated claims against all of the major insurance carriers, as well as automobile, tire, and component part manufacturers, including General Motors, Honda, Chrysler, Takata, and Continental, as well as highway guardrail manufacturers, installers and other contractors. Mr. Razavi has also handled a broad range of non-traditional personal injury and wrongful death cases throughout the country, including claims involving chemical and pesticide exposure, chlorine gas exposure, mold exposure, construction defect, boating defect, negligent vehicle repairs, and negligent tractor-trailer operation.

What is particularly unique about Mr. Razavi's experience is his background as a former civil litigation defense attorney, which provides his clients the benefit of an advocate with a unique perspective into the mindset of insurance companies and corporate defendants, and with a distinct understanding about how to maximize the value of a claim in order to ensure that his clients receive maximum compensation for their injuries.

Mr. Razavi also has extensive experience in claims against the Department of Transportation across the country and other private state contractors for roadway design and defect claims, and has litigated multiple roadway design and maintenance defect claims resulting in multi-million dollar settlements and subsequent installation and remediation of guardrails, re-paving, curbing, and rehabilitation of roadways in multiple counties.

Currently, Mr. Razavi is litigating the following notable matters:

- Lindsay X-LITE Guardrail Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents more than five families of decedents and victims of catastrophic injuries in a series of individual products liability, wrongful death and catastrophic injury lawsuits in Tennessee and South Carolina state courts against the Lindsay Corporation and several related entities for designing, manufacturing, selling, and installing defective, X-Lite guardrails on state roadways.
- Ratha, et al v. Phatthana Seafood Co.: Cohen Milstein is representing seven Cambodian plaintiffs in a cross-border human rights lawsuit, involving human trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, and peonage by factories in Thailand that produce shrimp and seafood for export to the United States.
- Saori Yamauchi, et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation, et al.: Cohen Milstein and local New York co-counsel filed a product liability and personal injury complaint against Toyota Motor Corporation, Autoliv, and related entities on behalf of Saori Yamauchi. Mrs. Yamauchi sustained a catastrophic injury during an accident in her Toyota Sienna

as a result of the vehicle's airbag system deploying in a dangerous manner. The case is currently being litigated in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in Dutchess County.

Mr. Razavi has successfully litigated the following matters:

- Hand et al., v. Scott et.al: Cohen Milstein and Fair Elections Legal Network, a national voting rights organization, achieved a major victory on behalf of former felons in Florida, who claimed their constitutional rights had been infringed by Florida's Clemency Board. U.S. District Court Judge Mark E. Walker ruled that the process by which Florida's Clemency Board grants or denies former felons' restoration of voting rights applications is unconstitutionally arbitrary and violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment right of free association and free expression, as well as the Fourteenth Amendment.
- Quinteros, et al v. DynCorp, et al: Cohen Milstein represented over 2,000 Ecuadorian farmers and their families who suffered physical injuries and property damage as a result of aerial spraying of toxic herbicides on or near their land by DynCorp, a U.S. government contractor. A bellwether trial on behalf of the first six Ecuadorian clients came to a conclusion in April 2017, when the ten-person jury unanimously determined that DynCorp was responsible for the conduct of the pilots with whom it had subcontracted to conduct the chemical spraying after April 2003. This resolution allowed for a successful case settlement.

Additionally, Mr. Razavi initiated the investigation and discovery of a major nation-wide vehicle airbag defect resulting in the filing of a subsequent class action against the world's largest automobile manufacturers, in which he was selected to the class action discovery committee.

Mr. Razavi is repeatedly selected as "Rising Star" by Florida Super Lawyers and a "Legal Elite Up and Comer" by Florida Trend Magazine. Mr. Razavi is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Razavi is also a frequent writer and speaker. His articles have been published in Florida Justice Association's Journal and focus on preservation of evidence in fighting against the automobile industry, as well as defective guardrail and roadway design. Annually, Mr. Razavi is a speaker at Florida Justice Association seminars, including "Identifying and Developing Roadway and Guardrail Defect Claims" at FJA's Advanced Trial Skills seminars.

In addition to his private practice, Mr. Razavi proudly serves the legal and local community, holding several prominent Palm Beach County Bar Association roles, including being appointed Co-Chair for the Palm Beach County Bar Association's Annual Bench Bar Conference in 2016 and an elected Board Member for the Palm Beach County Justice Association from 2015 through present day 2017.

Mr. Razavi graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in International Business and Business Economics. He received his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and was a Merit Scholarship recipient.

Takisha D. Richardson

Takisha D. Richardson is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death practice group, as well as the firm's Sexual Abuse, Sex Trafficking, and Domestic Violence team. Ms. Richardson will focus on representing child sexual abuse victims and adult survivors of sexual abuse.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Richardson was an Assistant State Attorney and Chief of the Special Victims Unit of the State Attorney's office for Palm Beach County. She brings more than a decade of experience both as an attorney and as a supervisor of a team responsible for the prosecution of crimes against children and the elderly, and sexually motivated offenses. Prior to that role, she prosecuted felony cases at all levels and was an Assistant Public Defender.

Ms. Richardson has vast trial experience. To date, she has tried over 100 jury and non-jury trials, most of which involved sexual abuse and/or homicide matters.

Past Successes:

- Jimmy Dac Ho: Ms. Richardson helped prosecute and incarcerate a former law enforcement officer for first-degree murder and kidnapping (with a firearm) of a 29 year old law school student, who worked as an escort.
- Stephen Budd: Ms. Richardson brought to trial a former fourth-grade teacher who was found guilty on five charges of sexual assault and sentenced to serve three consecutive life sentences on the first three charges and 15 years on each of the final two charges.
- Carlos Soto: Ms. Richardson successfully prosecuted the perpetrator involved in the sexual battery of a child. The bravery of the victim, who testified at trial, aided in the conviction. The perpetrator is now serving 45 years in prison.
- Jorge Gonzalez: Ms. Richardson prosecuted the perpetrator, who is now serving a life sentence in prison, for sexual battery of a seven year old child. The victim bravely told a family friend about the perpetrator's inappropriate sexual touching.

In Florida, Ms. Richardson is a member of the national Sex Abuse Response Team (SART), a countrywide coalition responsible both for advocacy on behalf of victims of sexual abuse and for maintaining national Law Enforcement protocols.

Ms. Richardson attended Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University in Tallahassee Florida, where she received her B.S. in Political Science. She earned her J.D., from University of Florida's Frederic G. Levin College of Law, where she was the recipient of the Virgil Hawkins Scholarship.

While attending law school, Ms. Richardson was a member of the U.F. Trial Team where she earned the title Vice President of Intramural Competitions and a Final Four Trial Team Competitor. She served as Vice President of the U.F. Black Law Student's Association.

Matthew W. Ruan

Matthew W. Ruan is Special Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Antitrust practice group. In this role, Mr. Ruan represents a broad range of individuals, businesses, and unions in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Mr. Ruan is currently litigating the following matters:

- Wallach v. Eaton Corp., et al. (D. Del.) (represent putative class of direct purchasers of heavy duty truck transmissions alleging monopolization and conspiracy claims against Eaton Corp. and various truck manufacturers)
- In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation (E.D. Mich.) (represent putative class of direct purchasers alleging price-fixing conspiracy against manufacturers of automotive bearings, windshield wiper systems, occupant safety systems, and various other automotive parts)

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Ruan was an associate attorney at Berman DeValerio. While there, he focused on antitrust, securities, and consumer class actions. He also was an associate at Heins Mills & Olson, PLC and also served as a judicial extern for the Hon. Blanch M. Manning of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Ruan graduated from the University of Chicago, with Honors, with an A.B. in Anthropology in 2000. He received his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2003. During law school, Mr. Ruan served as the Associate Editor of the Michigan Journal of International Law.

Mr. Ruan is not admitted in New York; his practice is under the supervision of partners of the firm.

Christina Donato Saler

Christina Donato Saler is an Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the firm's Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein in 2017, Ms. Saler was a securities class action litigator at a nationally recognized plaintiffs law firm, where she distinguished herself as a skilled litigator and trusted client counselor of public pension funds and other institutional investors.

Ms. Saler represents her clients in a broad range of securities, shareholder rights and derivative actions, as well as consumer class actions. Ms. Saler gained substantial trial experience prosecuting First Amendment cases involving individual plaintiffs against media defendants. She has been recognized by Law & Politics and the publishers of Philadelphia Magazine as a Rising Star, as listed in the Super Lawyer's publications (2011 – 2013).

Ms. Saler is currently involved in the following notable matters:

- Universal Health Services, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation: Cohen Milstein represents Delaware County Employees' Retirement Fund and Chester County Employees' Retirement Fund in a shareholder derivative action alleging that nominal defendant Universal Health Services' directors and officers breached their fiduciary duties of care and loyalty for failures in overseeing Universal Health Services' operations and compliance with applicable laws and regulations pertaining to its billing practices for mental health patients, and breached their fiduciary duties of care and loyalty in connection with the federal securities disclosure violations. Ms. Saler is overseeing all aspects of the litigation before Delaware Chancery Court.
- In Re Liberty Tax, Inc. Securities Litigation: Cohen Milstein is representing IBEW Local 98 Pension Fund, as the Lead Plaintiff, and other purchasers of Liberty Tax stock, in a putative securities class action for violations of the Exchange Act related to the reckless use of the company by John Hewitt, co-founder and former CEO and Chairman, for his personal sexual exploits, thereby creating a hostile work environment and exposing the company to financial risk and liability. Ms. Saler is involved in all aspects of the litigation.
- Eric Weiner v. Tivity Health, Inc.: Cohen Milstein is representing Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, as the Lead Plaintiff, and other purchasers of Tivity Health stock, in a putative securities class actions for violations of the Exchange Act related to Tivity's misleading the public about its relationship with United Healthcare, Inc. Ms. Saler is involved in all aspects of the litigation.

Ms. Saler also works closely with clients to keep them apprised of regulatory trends and legal decisions that may impact the management of their funds. In this capacity, Ms. Saler is also the Editor of Cohen Milstein's Shareholder Advocate, a quarterly publication focused specifically on legal issues relevant to the public retirement systems and institutional investor community.

In 2017, Governor Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania appointed Ms. Saler to the Board of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council whose mission is to find ways of using the humanities to help people take action for positive change in their lives and communities, and demonstrate this effectiveness to leaders and organizations invested in making Pennsylvania a better place to live. Ms. Saler is a member of the Executive Committee and Co-Chairs the Government Advocacy Committee.

Ms. Saler is also a volunteer at Philadelphia Volunteer Indigence Program (VIP), where she represents individuals in jeopardy of losing their homes in the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Program.

Ms. Saler received her B.A. from Fairfield University. She received her J.D., with honors, from Rutgers University Law School. In addition to other academic honors, Ms. Saler was selected for the Rutgers Law Journal and served as the Lead Articles Editor. She is also the author of "Pennsylvania Law Should No Longer Allow a Parent's Right to Testamentary Freedom to Outweigh the Dependent Child's 'Absolute Right to Child Support,'" 34 Rutgers Law Journal, 235 (Fall 2002).

Ms. Saler's professional career began in advertising. She was a Senior Account Executive with the Tierney Agency where she managed various advertising campaigns and Verizon's contractual relationship with its spokesperson James Earl Jones.

Raymond M. Sarola

Raymond M. Sarola is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Whistleblower/False Claims Act and the Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling practice groups.

Mr. Sarola represents whistleblowers in qui tam cases brought under the federal and state False Claims Act statutes in industries that conduct business with the government, including health care, defense, and financial services. As a member of the firm's Ethics and Fiduciary Counseling practice, Mr. Sarola calls on his experience as a trustee on the New York City pension fund boards in counseling public pension funds fiduciary issues.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Mr. Sarola served as Senior Policy Advisor & Counsel in the Mayor's Office of the City of New York, where he represented the Mayor and Commissioner of Finance on the boards of the City's pension systems and deferred compensation plan and advised on legal issues regarding pension investments, benefit payments, securities litigation and corporate governance initiatives. Previously, Mr. Sarola was a litigation associate at a noted defendants' firm, where he focused on securities, antitrust, and other complex commercial litigation, and internal investigations.

Mr. Sarola's government service and corporate defense litigation experience has been invaluable to his role in counseling clients in their claims against the government and corporate entities.

Mr. Sarola has been involved in high-profile whistleblower cases including:

- United States et al., ex rel. Lauren Kieff, v. Wyeth: Mr. Sarola assisted in this qui tam action against the pharmaceutical company Wyeth, resulting in a \$784.6 million settlement, the seventh-largest False Claims Act recovery on record.
- United States ex rel. Davis, et al. v. Southern SNF Management, Inc. et al.: Mr. Sarola was actively involved in this qui tam case in which the whistleblowers alleged the skilled nursing facilities in which they worked were involved in a multi-year scheme to increase the facilities' Medicare reimbursement by assigning Medicare patients to levels of therapy far greater than medically appropriate and billing Medicare at the higher amounts associated with this unnecessary therapy. The government recovered \$10 million from the defendants.

Some of Mr. Sarola's current representations include:

- A sealed qui tam action against a healthcare company alleging that it performed medically unnecessary procedures on patients covered by Medicare and Medicaid.
- A sealed qui tam action against a government contractor alleging that it inflated the rates it charged under a federal housing program.
- A sealed qui tam action against a national bank alleging fraudulent conduct involving the origination of mortgage loans that were insured by or sold to the government.

- A sealed qui tam action against a healthcare company for allegedly defrauding the government's Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs.
- Sealed qui tam actions against pharmaceutical companies alleging that they overcharged the government healthcare programs for brand-name drugs.

Submissions under the Securities and Exchange Commission Whistleblower Program and the Internal Revenue Service Whistleblower Program alleging securities and tax fraud against major financial services companies and other entities. Mr. Sarola has published articles on whistleblower issues, including the use of statistical sampling to prove large fraud cases. He has also published and spoken at conferences on pension fund fiduciary issues, in particular the SEC's pay-to-play rule. He is a member of Taxpayers Against Fraud, a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government through the promotion and use of the False Claims Act.

In addition, Mr. Sarola currently represents the plaintiff in a pro bono matter, along with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, that was brought against two firearms dealers and the mother of a man who shot and killed an innocent woman, and which alleges that the firearms involved were acquired through illegal straw sales.

Mr. Sarola received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he also earned a Certificate of Study in Business and Public Policy from the Wharton School. While in law school, he was a Summer Intern for the Honorable Clarence Newcomer, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Aniko R. Schwarcz

Aniko R. Schwarcz is an attorney in the Civil Rights and Employment Practice group. She also serves as Director of Civil Rights and Employment Case Development. In that capacity she investigates and develops new cases, and works with other members of the Practice Group to advance litigation. Ms. Schwarcz is often the first point of professional contact for prospective clients and other referral sources, and she has extensive experience working with current and prospective class members.

At present, Ms. Schwarcz is working on cases involving claims of sex discrimination within municipal agencies, access to health care for LGBT Federal employees, Equal Pay Act claims, and others. In her recent work on *Jock et al v. Sterling Jewelers Inc.*, a nationwide Title VII gender discrimination and Equal Pay Act case currently in arbitration, Ms. Schwarcz played a key role interviewing and collecting affidavits from prospective class members, which were produced in support of the successful motion for class certification. Prior to that, Ms. Schwarcz interviewed and filed hundreds of EEOC charges on behalf of former class members in the *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* case.

Ms. Schwarcz attended Vanderbilt University, graduating cum laude with a B.A. in Social Policy, and received her J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law. Ms. Schwarcz, a practicing attorney, also holds an M.S.W. from the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Her social work training provides her with deeper insight and a broadened capacity for understanding both the social and economic effects of workplace discrimination on the firm's clients.

Julie S. Selesnick

Julie S. Selesnick is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm's Employee Benefits (ERISA) Practice Group. She joined the firm in 2017 and represents the interests of employees, retirees, and plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases in the district court and on appeal.

Ms. Selesnick has represented a wide variety of clients on both sides of the aisle, in mediation, arbitration, and in state and federal courts throughout the country. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Selesnick was an attorney at Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. She also was a partner and trial attorney at Jackson & Campbell P.C.

Ms. Selesnick is an accomplished writer and has written hundreds of legal articles and blog posts, as well as non-legal articles and blog posts. She has also ghost-written hundreds of pages of content on legal websites throughout the country.

Ms. Selesnick graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha from the San Diego State University with a B.A., cum laude, and received her J.D., from the George Washington University School of Law, Order of the Coif.

Maya Sequeira

Maya Sequeira is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Public Client practice group. Ms. Sequeira's practice focuses on the representation of state Attorneys General and other public-sector clients in investigations and lawsuits involving health care fraud and other fraudulent and deceptive trade practices.

Ms. Sequeira's recent representations include:

- Opioids Crisis Litigation & Investigation: Representing New Jersey in its consumer protection, Medicaid fraud, and nuisance lawsuit against Purdue Pharma; representing Indiana in its investigation of all actors contributing to the opioid crisis, including pharmaceutical manufacturers and opioid distributors.

Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Sequeira practiced at Kaplan & Company, LLP and Sanford Heisler, LLP. Her work focused on representing women in cases of gender and pregnancy discrimination and employees in cases of race discrimination. While at Sanford Heisler, Ms. Sequeira co-authored an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court in support of reasonable accommodations for working pregnant women.

Ms. Sequeira served as Regional Voter Protection Director for Hillary For America and the Ohio Democratic Party during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Ms. Sequeira graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Political Science in 2005. She completed her Post Baccalaureate in Pre-Medical Studies in 2007, and earned her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2013. During law school, Ms. Sequeira was a law clerk for the California Department of Justice, Corporate Fraud Division, and a legal intern with the San Diego County Public Defender. She also served as a Student Attorney for the Pediatric Advocacy Clinic and Class Representative on the Law School Senate.

Daniel Silverman

Daniel H. Silverman is an Associate and a member of the Antitrust Practice Group at Cohen Milstein, having joined the firm in 2012. Mr. Silverman has prosecuted class actions on behalf of both consumers and employees in a variety of industries in courts around the country. Among his successes, Mr. Silverman has helped litigate the following matters:

- Plasma-Derivative Protein Therapies Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel for plaintiffs alleging a conspiracy to reduce the supply and increase prices of IVIG and Albumin—life-saving therapies derived from blood plasma. The lawsuit was resolved for \$128 million to compensate customers who were overcharged for these vital therapies.
- Domestic Drywall Antitrust Litigation: Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in an antitrust litigation alleging that the seven major U.S. manufacturers of drywall conspired to manipulate prices. To date, settlements for \$45 million have been reached with two of the defendants.
- VFX/Animation Workers: In *In re Animation Workers Antitrust Litigation* (N.D. Cal.), Mr. Silverman serves as co-lead counsel representing a class of animation and visual effects workers in a lawsuit alleging that the defendants, who include Pixar, Lucasfilm Ltd. and DreamWorks Animation, secretly agreed not to solicit class members and to coordinate on compensation.

- **Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Antitrust Litigation:** Cohen Milstein is co-lead counsel in a class action on behalf of MMA fighters alleging that Zuffa LLC – commonly known as the Ultimate Fighting Championship or “UFC” – has unlawfully monopolized the markets for promoting live professional MMA bouts and for purchasing the services of professional MMA fighters. The district court denied the defendant’s motion to dismiss the case in September 2015 and discovery is ongoing.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Silverman served as the Executive Director of Legal Economics, LLC, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based firm specializing in the analysis of complex economic issues related to legal issues. At Legal Economics, he supported expert economic testimony in a variety of antitrust matters involving horizontal price-fixing, mergers, and loyalty discounts in industries ranging from health care and computer hardware to live music promotion. His experience at Legal Economics provides him with unique insight into the inner workings of expert testimony in antitrust matters. In addition, Mr. Silverman has represented public sector clients before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, state public utility commissions, and federal appellate courts.

Mr. Silverman is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, with a B.S. in Physics, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School. In law school, he served as a Managing Editor of the Harvard Environmental Law Review. Mr. Silverman also served as a summer associate at the U.S. Department of Justice in the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Law and Policy Section.

Richard A. Speirs

Richard A. Speirs is Of Counsel at Cohen Milstein and a member of the firm’s Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. He has worked on many of the mortgage-backed securities fraud cases that were successfully litigated by the firm. Currently, in addition to litigating securities fraud cases, Mr. Speirs is principally responsible for developing and litigating the firm’s derivative and merger-related lawsuits.

Since joining the firm, Mr. Speirs has litigated the following notable matters:

- **Bear Stearns Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Litigation:** \$505 million settlement by JPMorgan Chase & Co. to settle a class action litigation arising from Bear Stearns’ sale of \$27.2 billion of mortgage-backed securities that proved defective during the U.S. housing and financial crises.
- **RALI MBS Litigation:** \$335 million settlement with Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and UBS. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a class action litigation alleging RALI and its affiliates sold shoddy MBS securities that did not meet the standards of their underwriters. Mr. Speirs was a critical member of the team of litigators, conducting fact discovery, deposing economic experts and preparing witnesses.
- **Harborview MBS Litigation:** \$275 million settlement with Royal Bank of Scotland. Cohen Milstein was lead counsel in a complex case, in which presiding Judge Loretta A. Preska, of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, commented on the “job well done” by the Cohen Milstein team.
- **NovaStar Mortgage Backed Securities Litigation:** \$165 million settlement on behalf of investors in a Securities Act litigation involving billions of dollars of mortgage-backed securities underwritten by the Royal Bank of Scotland, Wachovia and Deutsche Bank.
- **HEMT MBS Litigation:** \$110 million settlement on behalf of investors in mortgage-backed securities issued and underwritten by Credit Suisse after more than seven years of litigation, which included the first written decision certifying a Securities Act class of mortgage-backed securities in the country.
- **Sino-Forest Corp. Securities Litigation:** Cohen Milstein served as lead counsel for U.S. investors in securities fraud class action brought on behalf of investors in Sino-Forest Corp., a Canadian corporation, which achieved \$150 million in settlements from numerous defendants.
- **Intuitive Surgical Inc. Derivative Litigation:** Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a now settled derivative action against the company’s directors and officers, asserting breaches of fiduciary duties and insider trading claims in

connection with concealing regulatory compliance problems and safety defects in the company's flagship product, the da Vinci robotic surgery system.

- Ocwen Financial Corp. Derivative Litigation: Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in a derivative action alleging that Ocwen's board of directors breached their fiduciary duties by permitting a pervasive scheme of wrongdoing in violation of applicable federal and state consumer financial protection laws. The defendants had exposed Ocwen to substantial harm by concealing failures with respect to the Company's compliance with regulations governing the servicing of mortgage loans, failing to establish adequate internal controls, permitting former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer to be involved in a series of improper self-dealing transactions and allowing insiders to trade on material adverse information. The litigation resulted in a settlement involving the adoption of significant corporate governance measures.

Mr. Speirs' current notable matters include:

- Tower Research Capital: Representing Korean traders in a Commodity Exchange Act class action against a high frequency trading firm alleging manipulation of the market for KOSPI 200 futures contracts (the representative stock market index of South Korea and one of the most widely traded futures in the world) using spoofing or faked trades.
- New York State Common Retirement Fund, et al. v. Stephen A. Wynn, et al.: Representing the New York State Common Retirement Fund and the New York City Pension Funds in a derivative shareholder lawsuit against certain officers and directors of Wynn Resorts, Ltd. in light of their failure to hold Mr. Wynn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Board, accountable for his longstanding pattern of sexual abuse and harassment of Company employees. The lawsuit seeks to preserve stockholder value in Wynn Resorts, Ltd. by strengthening procedures for responding to claims of harassment and creating stronger governance and risk management controls at the Board level.
- Mr. Speirs is also actively involved in several matters involving derivative claims and related books and records demands under Delaware or other relevant state laws.

In a career spanning more than 30 years, Mr. Speirs has been lead or co-lead attorney in a number of securities class actions where the court has issued an important decision under the federal securities laws. Among the issues decided were: the improper grouping of unaffiliated investors in a lead plaintiff motion (In re Telxon Corp. Securities Litigation, No. 5:98-cv-02876-KMO, 67 F. Supp. 2d 803 (N.D. Ohio 1999)); recommendation of default sanction against auditing firm for discovery misconduct involving electronic audit work papers (Hayman v. PriceWaterhouseCoopers, No. 1:01-CV-1078, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27295 (N.D. Ohio July 2, 2004)); and liability under Section 10(b) of a non-issuer for disclosures made by the issuer (In re BP Prudhoe Bay Royalty Trust Securities Litigation, No. 2:06-cv-01505-MJP, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83007 (W.D. Wash. Oct. 26, 2007)).

Mr. Speirs has appeared on numerous panels and legal events to discuss securities fraud and investor protection. He attended Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, where he received a B.A., cum laude, and earned his J.D. at Brooklyn Law School, where he earned the Order of the Coif.

Daniel R. Sutter

Daniel R. Sutter is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Firm's Employee Benefits practice group. In his role, Mr. Sutter represents the interests of employees, retirees, plan participants and beneficiaries in ERISA cases across the country.

Prior to becoming an Associate at the firm, Mr. Sutter served as a Legal Fellow in the Employee Benefits practice. In this role he investigated, developed, and drafted complaints against major financial institutions for ERISA violations involving complex investment vehicles. Mr. Sutter's previous experience at Cohen Milstein also includes serving as a Law Clerk

(2013-2016) and as an Analyst (2010-2016); in both roles he researched potential cases for various practice groups. During 2015, Mr. Sutter served as a law clerk at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Legal Division.

Mr. Sutter attended George Washington University, graduating with a B.A. in Finance in 2010. He earned his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School in 2016. During law school, Mr. Sutter was a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Journal. He also studied at the London School of Economics.

Catherine A. Torell

Catherine A. Torell is the Director of Securities Research and Analysis at Cohen Milstein, and is a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group. As Director of Securities Research and Analysis, Ms. Torell has the exclusive role of analyzing every securities case that is brought to the firm.

Ms. Torell is also responsible for thoroughly researching the factual and legal merits of all of the federal securities fraud class actions filed in the United States. Based on her research, she generates written analyses to evaluate the merits of each case for the firm's Case Evaluation Committee and assesses the potential importance of the case to the firm's clients. As a result, she has played an integral role in helping to cultivate and significantly expand the Cohen Milstein's investor client base.

Ms. Torell also prepares the written analyses that are sent to the firm's institutional clients. Those analyses describe and evaluate the merits of the cases in which those clients have sustained substantial losses and include a recommendation as to whether the firm believes the client should pursue a lead plaintiff role in the case.

Prior to focusing exclusively on her current role, Ms. Torell also actively participated in many of the firm's notable securities class actions, including *In re Parmalat Securities Litigation* 376 F. Supp. 2d 472 (S.D.N.Y. 2005).

Ms. Torell has been practicing law for more than 25 years. Prior to joining Cohen Milstein, Ms. Torell was counsel at a number of prominent plaintiffs' class action firms, serving in co-lead and leadership positions in numerous successful class action cases that resulted in settlements collectively totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for the clients she represented. She served as a co-lead counsel in *In re Provident Financial Securities Litigation*, which resulted in a \$38 million settlement. In approving the settlement, the Court remarked on the "extremely high quality" and "skill and efficiency" of plaintiffs' counsel's work throughout the litigation.

Ms. Torell attended Stony Brook University, receiving a B.A., magna cum laude, in Political Science, and earned her J.D. from St. John's University School of Law, where she was the recipient of the Federal Jurisprudence Award.

Times Wang

Times Wang is an Associate at Cohen Milstein and a member of the Securities Litigation & Investor Protection practice group.

Mr. Wang joined Cohen Milstein in 2014 from a top-tier litigation firm in California. He is interested in bringing cases that promote integrity in the marketplace.

Mr. Wang is currently litigating the following notable matters:

- **Yahoo! Human Rights Fund Litigation:** Mr. Wang represents Chinese dissidents in a case alleging that Yahoo! Inc. and others breached their duties as trustees of a \$17.3 million charitable trust meant to benefit persons imprisoned in China for exercising their freedom of expression online, resulting in at least \$13 million of the trust

being squandered. Mr. Wang is the lead attorney on the case, which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. A New York Times story about the case is available [here](#).

- Tower Research Capital: Mr. Wang represents Korean traders in a market manipulation case against Tower Research Capital, a New York high-frequency trading firm. Mr. Wang was the principal drafter of much of the winning appellate briefs in a successful appeal to the Second Circuit, which raised novel questions about the application of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Morrison v. National Australia Bank*, 561 U.S. 247 (2010) to electronic exchanges.
- Miller Energy/KPMG: Mr. Wang represents shareholders in a case alleging that KPMG conducted sham audits of Miller Energy Resources, Inc., grossly inflating the value of Miller Energy's Alaskan oil & gas assets, and enabling Miller Energy to perpetuate a years-long fraud that ultimately resulted in Miller Energy's bankruptcy, as well as SEC charges. Mr. Wang was the principal drafter of significant portions of the operative pleadings and briefs, and is also leading a parallel effort to obtain relevant documents from the SEC through FOIA. The case is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

His successes include:

- NovaStar MBS Litigation: \$165 million settlement. Mr. Wang was a key member of the Cohen Milstein team in this billion-dollar case. Mr. Wang took the depositions of senior investment bankers and mortgage executives, including of individual defendants, obtaining key testimony. Mr. Wang also supervised fact and expert discovery, and developed important legal and factual theories for advancing the case. The case alleged that NovaStar, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Wachovia, and Deutsche Bank dumped mortgage-backed securities on investors by falsely representing that those securities met certain underwriting criteria, when the truth was that the securities did not meet those standards at all.
- Harman Industries International Inc. Securities Litigation: \$28.25 million settlement. Mr. Wang was the main associate on the Cohen Milstein team in this class action. Mr. Wang was the principal drafter of the briefs in a successful appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as well as of the briefs successfully opposing defendants' petitions for rehearing and certiorari. Mr. Wang was then instrumental in advancing the case after it was remanded to the lower court, and played a leading role in fact and expert discovery, class-certification briefing, and depositions, including by taking the deposition of defendants' class-certification expert. The D.C. Circuit's ruling was a significant win for investors, and clarified that defendants cannot escape liability under the "safe harbor" for "forward-looking statements" in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 if their warnings fail to apprise investors of important risks that exist at the time the forward-looking statements are made.
- BP Securities Litigation: \$175 million settlement. Cohen Milstein was co-lead counsel in the litigation, which settled on the eve of trial. Mr. Wang joined the litigation team at a critical moment, briefing numerous case-dispositive issues in connection with summary judgment.

In 2018, Mr. Wang was selected to the Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer Rising Stars list.

Mr. Wang has devoted significant effort to advancing human rights in the U.S. and abroad, including by litigating cases seeking to protect Constitutional rights and to preserve funding for human rights causes, as well as by taking on numerous human rights projects during his time at the NYU School of Law. Mr. Wang's op-eds on the topic have been published in *The Washington Post*, "For Obama and China, a Human-Rights Opportunity," November 13, 2009, and *The Globe & Mail*, "When Trudeau Visits China, Spare a Thought for My Father," August 26, 2016, and his work on the Yahoo! Human Rights Fund Litigation and on domestic human rights violations have been reported on by the *New York Times*, *Forbes*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

He earned his J.D., cum laude, from New York University School of Law in 2011, where, in addition to his human rights work, he served as Articles Editor for the *Annual Survey of American Law*. He earned his B.A. in East Asian Studies, with Great Distinction, from McGill University in 2007.

Mr. Wang is conversational in Mandarin and French.

Mr. Wang serves on the board of Lobbyists4Good, a startup nonprofit focused on enabling ordinary Americans to amplify their voice in Washington, D.C., using crowdfunded lobbying.

Jessica Weiner

Jessica Weiner is an Associate at Cohen Milstein, and a member of the Antitrust practice group. In this role, Ms. Weiner represents a broad range of individuals and businesses in civil litigation, with a focus on multi-district class actions and antitrust litigation.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Weiner clerked for the Honorable Helene N. White of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She also clerked for the Honorable Lawrence E. Kahn of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Ms. Weiner graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in Industrial and Labor Relations in 2009. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, cum laude, in 2014. During law school, Ms. Weiner served as an Article Editor and Online Editor of the Harvard Journal of Law & Gender.